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RECORD of AUSTRALIAN TOUR. Season 1908-9

Date.	Opponents	Result	Score for			Score Against			Australians	Welsh Team
Sept 26	Devon County	Won	3	3	24	.	1	3		
Oct. 1	Gloucester "	"	2	2	16	.	.	.		
3	Cornwall "	"	3	1	18	1	.	5		
7	Glamorgan "	"	2	2	16	+1	.	3		
10	Pemysiraig	"	+2	1	11	.	1	3		
15	Neash & Abnaston	"	3	.	15	.	.	.		
17	Gloucester	Lost	.	1	3	1	1	8		
19	Monmouth County	Postponed.	Heavy floods							
24	London	Won	+5	1	3	.	1	3		
25	Cornwall Olympic Games	"	+2	.	8	+1	1	6		
31	Army & Navy	.	4	3	29	*1	1	7		
Nov. 4	Durham	.	3	1	18	.	2	6		
7	Northumberland & Cumberland	.	8	3	37	.	1	3		
11	Cheshire	.	+4	2	22	.	1	3		
14	London	.	1	2	11	.	3	9		
18	Cambridge	.	+3	2	19	.	1	3		
21	Oxford	.	3	3	24	.	.	.		
24	Yorkshire	.	4	12	.	2	6			
28	Lancashire	.	1	1	8	.	.	.		
Dec 2	Somerset	.	1	.	5	+3	1	16		
5	Midland Counties	Lost	3	3	24	.	.	.		
12	Anglo Welsh	Won	2	.	6	+1	2	9		
17	Wales	Lost	1	2	11	.	1	3		
19	Glamorgan League	Won	1	.	5	.	1	3		
21	Newport	"	+1	.	3	.	1	3		
26	Abertillery	Drawn	.	.	.	+1	1	6		
28	Swansea	Lost	1	1	8	*3	4	24		
Jan 9	Cardiff	"	.	3	9	.	1	3		
13	England	Won	1	2	11	.	1	3		
16	Bristol & Clifton	"	5	15	.	+1	1	6		
16	Plymouth	"	56	53	423	14	30	144		

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THE SPORTS

THE AUSTRALIANS' TOUR.

THE FIXTURE LIST AND RESULTS.

September 26, v. Devon, at Devonport, won by three goals three tries (3 points) to one try (3 points).
October 1, v. Gloucestershire, at Gloucester, won by two goals two tries (16 points) to nil.
October 3, v. Cornwall, at Camborne, won by three goals one try (13 points) to one goal (3 points).
October 7, v. Glamorgan, at Cardiff, won by two goals and two tries (16 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).
October 10, v. Pembrokeshire, won by two goals (one penalty) and one try (11 points) to one try (3 points).
October 13, v. North Wales, at Aberystwyth, won by three goals (15 points) to nil.
October 17, v. Llanelli, lost by one goal one try (8 points) to one try (3 points).
October 19, v. Monmouth, abandoned, ground at Pontypool unfit.
October 24, v. London, won by one try (3 points) to nil.
October 28, v. United Kingdom (Cornwall) (at the Stadium), won by five goals and three tries (32 points) to one try (3 points).
October 28, v. Navy and Army, at Portsmouth.
October 31 (Saturday), v. Durham or a Durham club.
November 4, v. Northumberland and Cumberland, at Newcastle.
November 7, v. Cheshire, at Birkenhead Park.
Midweek, v. London, at Blackheath.
November 14, v. Cambridge University.
November 16, v. Oxford University.
November 21, v. Yorks.
November 23, v. Lancashire, at Manchester.
November 25, v. Somerset, at Taunton.
December 2, v. Midlands and East Midlands, at Leicester.
December 12 (Saturday), v. Wales.
December 16 or 17, v. Glamorgan League.
December 19 (Saturday), v. Glamorgan Newport.
December 21, v. Aberystwyth.
December 26 (Saturday), v. Swansea.
December 28, v. Cardiff.
January 1, 1909 (Friday), v. France.
January 6, v. England.

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F. Lewis, and Morgan. There are more well-known Welsh players on the injured list now than ever before.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE TOUR.

There has been a good deal of discussion (says the "Sporting Chronicle") of the financial arrangements of the tour, and several erroneous statements have appeared not only in English, but also Colonial papers.

One statement has appeared to the effect that the players are being paid salaries, and that the profits, if any, go to the New South Wales and Queensland Leagues.

This is not correct, and the tour is, to a large extent, a profit-sharing one. After the whole of the expenses have been paid a certain percentage of the profits will be paid over to the two leagues in accordance with their rules governing all tours, and the remainder will be divided amongst the players.

Sept. 26/08

THE WALLABIES

OPEN THEIR TOUR

Big Win Over Devon
County

VISITORS FAST AND RESOLUTE

A PLAYER'S LEG BROKEN

The Australian team opened their tour at Devonport in splendid summer weather. Pope, for Hammond, was the only change in the Devon forwards.

Devon: Back, F. Lillierap (Albion); three-quarter backs, S. Harvey, W. Hoskings, E. J. Vivyan (Albion), and F. Lempenny (Plymouth); half-backs, R. Jago and H. Langmead (Albion); forwards, T. S. Kelly (Tiverton), G. D. Roberts (Exeter), Cope (R.N.C., Dartmouth), W. Spiers, W. Gardner, S. G. Williams (Albion), Huggins (Paignton), and Eddis (Plymouth).

Australians: Back, P. Carmichael; three-quarter backs, C. Russell (N.S.W.), E. Mandible (N.S.W.), F. Bede Smith (N.S.W.), and J. Hickey (N.S.W.); half-backs, F. Woods (N.S.W.) and C. H. McKivat (N.S.W.); forwards, J. T. Bennett (N.S.W.), T. Griffin (N.S.W.), C. A. Hammond (N.S.W.), P. McCue (N.S.W.), P. Burgess (N.S.W.), Dr. H. M. Moran (N.S.W.), captain, S. A. Middleton (N.S.W.), and N. Row (N.S.W.).

The Australians gave the war cry, and were warmly welcomed. They won the toss, but had the sun in their eyes. Roberts had a short from a mark, but failed. Jago's kick was charged down, and the Australians were nearly over. Lillierap kicked beautifully, but the game grew wild and scrambling. Devon were hard pressed.

The Devon lines were closely invested. Mandible Mackworth Smith failed to break through. Lillierap relieved, but in a scrambling rush Smith scored wide out. Hickey quickly added a second try. Carmichael failing with both kicks. Good passing let Smith over, Hickey failing with a kick. Devon attacked with a loose rush, and Kelly got in, Vivyan failing. Devon played strongly, and Lillierap missed.

Half-time score:			
	G.	T.	Pts.
Australians	0	3	9
Devon County	0	1	3

In the second half, after some level ragged play, McKivat enabled Mandible to score cleverly. Carmichael converting, and increasing the lead to fourteen points. The Devon forwards worked hard, and in some heavy handling Burge, of Australia, broke his right leg, and was carried off. Richards substituting him, according to Colonial custom. Griffin scored. Carmichael converting. Lillierap, misfielding, let in Mandible. Carmichael galed. Play was of a scrambling nature.

Final score:			
	G.	T.	Pts.
Australians	3	3	24
Devon	0	1	3

"Forward's" Comments

On the principle that seeing is believing, and in view of the importance of the first engagement of the Wallabies as a practical test of their strength, the journey to Devonport to-day was well justified. In the course of a couple of weeks the Wallabies will be the guests of the Welsh clubs, and much depends upon their performance to-day as to the degree of public interest which their visit will arouse.

There was a full crowd of 20,000 on the Rectory Ground at the time of starting, and but for the sweltering heat the conditions were perfect. All the surroundings were familiar, but this was the first time an Australian team had ever been seen on English ground. They were given a rousing reception as they filed into the arena.

In their light blue jerseys and navy blue pants, the recital of their war dance (which is even more weird than that of the All Blacks) evoked a hearty round of cheers, and in the next minute the game had begun in earnest.

Following up the first kick, their forwards showed splendid pace, but in the first scrum they were beaten for possession, and through a mistake by Vivyan in not passing the Devonians lost a capital chance of opening the scoring.

In the line-out one had an opportunity of judging the physique of the visiting forwards, and the impression gleaned was that they were a very powerful lot of men, without being so big or heavy as the All Blacks. It was not till ten minutes from the start that their three-quarters had the chance of showing their quality in passing, and when they did have the chance, their left centre, Mandible, made a brilliant burst and passed beautifully to the right, but nothing came of the movement.

In some loose footwork the Colonial forwards showed tremendous determination and cleverness, and it was evident already that for keenness, at any rate, they would be hard to beat.

The pace was simply killing, and the surprising feature of the match was the Devonians' success in keeping out their opponents. Half-a-dozen desperate efforts were made by the Wallabies to get over, but though their passing was swift and accurate they could not pierce the defence.

AUSTRALIANS START SCORING.

It was only a matter of time, however, before they were bound to be rewarded, and a few minutes later Woods picked up smartly and scored an unconverted try.

This proved to be only the beginning. Hickey going over in the corner after the ball had been shot out to him like lightning by the inside half, when he was quite unmarked.

Two minutes later they were over again, Mandible making a brilliant corkscrew run through the Devonian backs and throwing himself over the line with a clinking try, which was enough to stamp him a player of the very first order.

Slackening their pace, the Colonials allowed their opponents to reach the 25, and from a loose rush Kelly scored, but this made no difference in one's estimate of the Colonials' all-round superiority. They are a much stronger lot than we have given them credit for being—that is the plain English of it.

They play keen, vigorous football, stopping at nothing and going all the way until the whistle is blown; in short, they play the typical Colonial game. If one made a comparison between them and the All Blacks, it would have to be confessed that the Wallabies are not so clean or clever, nor so methodical in their work, and trust more to haphazard chances that may come along.

At the interval there was, and there could be, but one opinion as to our kinsmen. They are a fine body of athletes, who are trained to the hour, and they are over in this country to win matches.

They are all strong, resolute, and fast, and their keenness commands admiration.

It was in the back division that their superiority was most marked, their forwards having more of the game than the Devon eight, except in short dribbling, where the visitors excelled.

McKivat, the inside half, showed a lot of cleverness, and early in the second half he actually took the ball from Jago on the Devon side of the scrum and, passing to Mandible, that player put another try to his credit, and this being converted, gave a better complexion to the score.

Not a single free kick had been given against the visitors so far, and when a penalty was given in their favour they punted high and followed up quickly.

No sooner were these words written than McKivat was penalised for not putting the ball in straight, and the offence was so glaring that it could not escape the referee.

Immediately after this bad luck fell to the visitors' lot, Burge, who had played a magnificent game in front, injuring his leg seriously. Singularly enough, he was labelled No. 13.

The second half was ragged, and far from being as interesting as the first portion, the Colonials having slackened down.

AUSTRALIANS KEEP THE LEAD.

The loss of one man seemed to make no difference to the Wallabies, who revived their energy, and Griffin, one of the sturdiest of the forwards, made a terrific dash over the line with a majorised try.

It was an ekort characteristic of Colonial keenness. The Devonians showed good sportsmanship, if not a strict observance of custom, in allowing a substitute to take the place of the injured player from a pardonable mistake by Lillierap in failing to field the ball.

PLAYER'S LEG BROKEN.

Mandible showed wonderful opportunism in taking the ball and running away from everybody and scoring under the cross-bar. It transpired at this stage that Burge had broken his leg. Notwithstanding the heaviness of the score against them, the Devonians played pluckily, but the issue had long been beyond doubt.

In summing up one's impressions of the game, there is nothing for it but a repetition of what is a firm conviction that New South Wales have learnt Rugby football thoroughly, and knew how to play the game in a good sporting spirit, their system being practically identical with that in vogue in this country, and free from such irritating and shady features as those introduced and practised with so much cleverness of a sort by the All Blacks.

With their wing forward the inside half plays bang on the heels of his forwards, and the outside half stands deep enough to be almost in a line with his centres. In his work on the blind side he receives more assistance from the wing three-quarter than the ordinary Welsh outside half.

The three-quarters keep well in the rear of the scrum without getting so near as to create suspicion of having deliberate designs upon being off-side and thus taking undue advantage.

VISITORS' TERRIFIC KEENNESS.

While admiring the Colonials as a strong well-trained lot of men, their chief asset is their terrific keenness. What they lack in the dazzling brilliancy of the All Blacks they compensate for by their solidity and determination.

Their play is modelled more on our own style and that of the Springboks than that of the Fernlanders, except that their centres depend more upon their own initiative and skill, and less upon the speed of their wings. In the latter direction there was no proof to-day that either wing possesses anything like exceptional pace, but both are full of daring and resource, and wonderfully sure in taking their passes, however they may be given.

Nothing is more certain than that the Wallabies will win the great majority of their matches, and I am prepared to hazard the prediction that they will only be beaten by thoroughly representative sides.

THE "WALLABIES."

Australia's Amateur XV.

THEY "PLAY THE GAME."

The Australian Amateur Rugby players (who have selected to be known as the "Wallabies") opened their tour in England and Wales at Devonport to-day, and the professional team, also chiefly composed of men from New South Wales, has reached Plymouth. The "class" of the amateur side, according to the reports from "down under," approximates to that of the famous New Zealanders and South Africans, while that of the professionals is not expected to be quite up to the standard of the Northern Union "All Black" team that came over last season. The visits of these teams, whatever their comparative playing strength, will give zest to the local programme.

Both teams will play matches in South Wales on Saturday next; the professionals will play their first game on the ground of the Mid-Rhondda Club at Tonypany, and the following Wednesday the same teams meet Glamorgan County at Cardiff.

Physique of Players.

The players and their dimensions are:—

BACKS.			
	Age.	Height. ft.in.	Weight st.lb.
W. Dix (N.S.W.)	25	5 5	11 1
P. Carmichael (Queensland)	24	5 7	11 8
THREE-QUARTERS.			
C. Russell (N.S.W.)	24	5 9½	12 5
F. Bede Smith (N.S.W.)	24	6 0	12 10
H. Daly (N.S.W.)	25	5 7	11 7
E. Parkinson (Queensland)	21	5 10	11 12
D. B. Carroll (N.S.W.)	20	5 9½	11 12
E. Mandible (N.S.W.)	22	5 10½	12 7
J. Hickey (N.S.W.)	21	5 7	11 8
A. J. McGabe (N.S.W.)	21	5 6	11 2
HALVES.			
C. H. McKivat (N.S.W.)	25	5 8	12 0
Ward Prentice (N.S.W.)	22	5 7	10 12
F. Woods (N.S.W.)	23	5 6	10 0
J. Stevens (N.S.W.)	24	5 9	11 18
FORWARDS.			
J. T. Barnett (N.S.W.)	27	5 10	12 4
T. Griffin (N.S.W.)	23	5 8	12 0
S. A. Middleton (N.S.W.)	24	6 1	13 10
E. McIntyre (N.S.W.)	25	5 10½	13 6
P. McCue (N.S.W.)	24	6 0	14 0
P. Burge (N.S.W.)	24	6 0	13 10
N. Row (N.S.W.)	25	5 11	12 7
F. Richards (N.S.W.)	25	6 0	13 1
P. Flanagan (Queensland)	24	5 11	12 9
Dr. H. M. Moran (N.S.W.) (captain)	23	5 10½	12 4
C. A. Hammond (N.S.W.)	23	5 11	12 8
J. McMurtrie (N.S.W.)	27	5 11	13 2
M. McArthur (N.S.W.)	24	5 7	11 5
R. Craig (N.S.W.)	23	5 9	13 5

Captain Interviewed.

Dr. Moran, the captain of the amateurs, in an interview, said:—We can only compare ourselves with the New Zealand side which did so well over here, and whom we met in three test games. They played thirteen of the men who were in the big games on this side. In the first match they beat us by eleven points to eight; in the second we beat them fourteen points to nothing; and the third was drawn, five points all. We were winning apparently easily until our full back was hurt. It was after he had left that the New Zealanders crossed our line. Our players follow the E.R.U. rules thoroughly, and we have

NO NOVEL POSITIONS FOR PLAYERS.

We are chiefly drawn from the New South Wales clubs, but have representatives from all parts of Australia, including some really small clubs. Every trade and profession is, I suppose, represented in our Union, but we are very particular over our amateur status. We have more college and professionally trained men in our ranks than the other Union. Three of our men are from Aloysius College, and one, Hammond, is a student of medicine, but in the main we are what you would call a working class team.

ACTIVE, FAST, AND YOUNG.

We may not be so fast as the New Zealanders in the back divisions, but we are quite as active forward, and we are a young side. We have some very fast men—Carroll, Hickey, and McGabe as examples—all men who have done well on the path. I should say our best side will be framed something like this:—Carmichael; Hickey, Bede Smith, Mandible, and Carroll; Woods and McKivat; Barnett, Griffin, McIntyre, McCue, Burge, Row, Richards, and Middleton. They will require some beating, being all good lads, and very enthusiastic.

Bona-fide Amateurism.

Dr. Moran, in responding to the toast of the visitors at a banquet at Plymouth, said: It was a great relief, after a long and monotonous voyage, to be on firm ground again, and it was a great pleasure to meet with sportsmen they had learned to love and revere. They knew they would only receive from them justice and kindness. The world at present was going through a crisis in the field of sport. On one side they saw a class who thought that any time devoted to sport was time and energy wasted, and, on the other side, they saw those who considered sport an end and means of existence.

SPORT v. COMMERCIALISM.

He felt that this disdain of sport on the one side and its commercialisation on the other would be found among the causes of national decadence. They were just beginning to see the pernicious effect of professionalism in their own country, but their Union and team were firm adherents to amateurism. (Applause.) They could defeat them, but they could not rob them of their amateur status. (Applause.) They felt very happy to be among such sportsmen, and when the time came for them to pass through that historic town they would be satisfied if their friends could say "They played the game." (Applause.)

The Amateurs' Badge.

The amateur tourists will wear light blue jerseys, dark blue knicks, and dark blue hose with a light blue band at the top. On the breast will be the team's badge, a "Waratah," and the letter "A." The "Waratah" is a red bulbous flower, nearly scarlet, which grows on a long green and leafed stalk. It is peculiar to New South Wales, not being found in any other part of the world. The players have a type of it on the bands of their straw hats, and the word "Australia" in gold underneath.

The Wallaby is a small species of Kangaroo, and at a meeting held a day or two ago the team chose to be called the Wallabies rather than the Rabbits, as they had been christened in their colony.

The War-Cry.

The team has a war-cry, or rather a cry which "means a welcome, with the underlying suggestion 'let the best man win.'" This goes—

Gau Gau—Devon—Gau Gau—Devon—
Whir-r-r
Win nang-a-lang (Thur)
Ma-e-an-yil-ling.
Bu rang-a-lang (Yang).

Yai yai. Gun-yil-lang-yang-yah.
Now could this have been put more concisely? It is admirably expressive.

The Wily Wallaby.

A. J. McCabe, the South Sydney five-eighth, is described as a will-o'-the-wisp Percy Bush kind of a player in a milder form and without the Welshman's drop-kicking ability. He is not a remarkable defender. He may be played three quarter, in which position he has represented New South Wales against Queensland. He weighs over 10st., and is about twenty-one years old.

Points of Interest.

Their formation forward is 3, 2, 3, while outside their style is very similar to ours.

Carroll appears to be the sprinter of the outside lot. In the sports on the voyage nearly every member secured prizes. Craig is the wit of the party, while McArthur has earned the reputation of being the 'ladies' man, although McKivat ran him close. The champion wrestler is McMurtrie, while the champion talker is Flanagan. Although there are so many Macs, they are of Irish descent.

Two of their members, McCabe and Carroll, three-quarters, assisted Plymouth against Gloucester, and showed real classy play, passing and repassing after the Welsh style.

Oct. 1st '08

WALLABIES AGAIN WIN.

SIXTEEN-POINT VICTORY AT GLOUCESTER.

DEFECTS OF THE TOURISTS.

THEY LACK BRILLIANCE AND STAMINA.

[By "PENDRAGON."]

	G.	T.	P'ts.
Australians	2	2	15
Gloucestershire	0	0	0

What a day for football! I have seen the good old Rugby game played in just as sweltering weather as that which prevailed at Gloucester on Thursday, but never in the month of October. It was in the September of 1896 that we had a very hot spell, and I remember the Cardiff team getting a rare fright on the park right at the outset of the season. Their opponents were Barnstaple, then a very good side, and the lethargy induced by the heat caused Cardiff to play very slackly. The great Monty Toller helped the Devon men to gain a substantial lead with a couple of converted goals, and it was not till very nearly the end of the game that the dashing Norman Biggs took the bit between his teeth, so to speak, and Cardiff were a trifle lucky to win by eleven points to ten. That was just such a painfully warm day as we experienced at Gloucester yesterday, when even the spectators found the heat almost unbearable. Sitting in the grand stand, one certainly wished it were twenty degrees cooler. In the circumstances, one naturally expected to find a large crowd present, and expectations were realised. Very few, if any, people were there present who anticipated a win for Gloucestershire, who were the opponents of the Australians in the second match of their tour. There was a positive conviction, however, that the home county would not suffer such a defeat as they did at the hands of the New Zealanders on the same ground three years ago, when the All Blacks won by the stupendous score of 44 points to nothing. Certainly, if the Australians could not gain a worthy victory in such circumstances as prevailed, then they could not hope to do so in any future match of the tour. Very nearly the conditions approximated to those to which they are accustomed in their own country. The temperature was high, the turf hard and firm—thus every thing favoured the Colonials.

And now, what manner of men are these Wallabies? Physically, they are to be admired in a football sense somewhat less so. And yet they are a clinking good side, and mark this—they are going to be very hard to beat. Contrasted with the All Blacks and the Springboks, they do not strike the imagination so forcibly, and most certainly they are not so capable as either of those famous touring combinations. They have not the same finished excellence. Their back play is clever, but not so sound, not so sure, as that of either the South Africans or the New Zealanders. Yet at its best the play of their backs is very nearly as good, if not quite, as that of the two preceding touring sides. At its worst, however, it is no better than that of some of the English clubs we see playing in Wales occasionally. The correct thing, therefore, is to strike a medium. Judged by that theoretical standard they are a strong team who, I think, are not likely to be beaten outside of Wales. But the play of their forwards must also be very much taken into account, for the pack is the most powerful department of the team. They are all big, and they are all fast, whilst their handling of the ball is wonderfully certain. Like the New Zealanders, they get the ball very cleverly in the line-out, and it is shot out to the backs in a twinkling, whilst the front rankers also gather the oval very smartly in the loose, and are constantly starting passing runs in this way. Besides, the forwards do not hesitate to go off on their own account, and being all strong and speedy, they are not easy to stop. Compared with the South Africans they are vastly better in front. They have no beefy men among them like Cunningham, Newton, and O'Sullivan, of the New Zealanders, but they have three or four, such as Barnett, Middleton, and Row, who are very tall, possessed of a telling reach in the line-out, and capable of starting no end of dangerous movements. Moreover, as a pack they work desperately hard in the scrum, and several times at Gloucester yesterday the home eight were pushed along two or three yards. Of this I have no doubt, that before any of our British sides can hope to beat them they must first of all hold them forward. This brings me to another point. As a side the Australians lack stamina—they do not last. Towards the end of yesterday's game they tired obviously, and with a little real scoring skill Gloucestershire might conceivably have put on a try or two in the last quarter of an hour. This fact of lack of stamina was noticed by Bedell-Stirright's British team in Australia four years ago, and the tourists always felt safe in their various matches if the scores were about level at half-time. Therefore, this is a point which should be borne in mind by Welsh sides when opposed to the Wallabies. If they can but hold their own till the second half is ten minutes or a quarter of an hour old, then they should win. This applies to the weaker of the organisations in Wales, as well as the stronger. Frankly, though, I think the tourists will be too good for most of their opponents in Wales, and that they will only have to anticipate danger from Wales, Glamorgan, Swansea, Cardiff (if met), and Llanelly, and of these I think that Glamorgan and Llanelly will be beaten. It is already known that Owen and Trew will be absent from the selected Glamorgan team, and if there are two or three more defections, then the county side will have to play exceptionally well to win. The forwards, especially, will have to be good. Perhaps I might add just a word or two about the form and style of the Wallabies at Gloucester. The touch-finding of the backs was wonderfully accurate, the tackling of every man in the team was most deadly, all were fast, and the passing was good, but the ball was much more frequently dropped than would be the case by a first-class Welsh side. In the main, they play an honest, clean, hard game, having none of those shady tricks which detracted from the popularity of the All Blacks. In only one respect was there cause to question their methods at Gloucester. That was their inclination to tackle a man who had just passed the ball to prevent him following up for a re-pass. That happened twice to Hudson, and the crowd didn't like it.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAY AT GLOUCESTER.

The Australians having given their fearful war-cry, Gloucestershire started against the sun, and the Australians soon became lively, but Hudson stopped them with a clever mark. Very soon the Colonial forwards showed their quality, and their tackling was about as determined as it could be. Still, the Wallabies did not show the same aptitude for opening up the game as the All Blacks or the Springboks, and an early passing bout was somewhat crudely executed and not difficult to stop. The touch-finding of the backs, however, was really good. Russell beat a couple of men very finely, and with safe handling a try should have followed, but Mandible missed his pass very badly. Just after this, however, a really great try followed. The forwards, who were remarkably good at the line-out, fed their backs in the left hand corner, and the ball went right across the line with impressive rapidity and delightful precision, and with a final burst Russell dashed over in the right hand corner for Carmichael to cap a brilliant movement with a magnificent goal. Mandible missed another nice pass when the Australians were left with two men against one, and a try should have been gained. Always excellent at the line-out, the Australian forwards gave their backs a number of chances, but the latter failed to rise to the occasion. Some rather poor passing, however, produced another try for the Wallabies. There was a scrum right on the line, and the halves got the ball away slowly, but when Russell got it on the right wing he had only to make a dash for it and score. Carmichael's kick was considerably wide. Just before the interval Barnett scored an unconverted try.

Very soon after the re-start the Wallabies got across, but were re-called, and Gloucester showed some sparkling form. They reached the Australian 25 twice, but each time were quickly driven back. Morris Neale, on the right wing, made a couple of brilliant runs, but Carmichael's tackling was immense. Gloucester lost Neale through an injury to his head. The home side did most of the attacking up till three-quarter time, but could not score. Real brilliance in attack was shown for the Australians when M'Kivat was given the ball by Woods, and, feinting to pass out to the "threes," he broke back through the ruck of the Gloucester men, and gave Woods a re-pass when he had no one to beat, so that he was enabled to run in behind the posts. Carmichael easily goaled. Although with only fourteen men, in the closing stages Gloucester played much the stronger, and there was some keenly exciting play right under the Wallabies' posts. The Colonials were penalised for lying on the ball, and Elliott had a good chance of landing three points for the county, but he sent the ball a yard or so wide. Teams:—

Australians: Back, Carmichael; three-quarter backs, C. Russell, E. Mandible, J. Hickey, and D. Carroll; five-eighth, M'Kivat; half-back, F. Woods; forwards, J. Darnett, Griffin, Hammond, M'Que, Middleton, Richards, Row, and Dr. Moran (captain).

Gloucestershire: Back, Davy; three-quarter backs, A. Hudson, M. Neale, V. Eberle, and E. Eberle; half-backs, Gent and Elliott; forwards, Ridding, Hyndman, Teague, Berry, Johns, Stinchcombe, Hoskin, and Feltham.

Referee, Mr. T. D. Schofield, Welsh Union.

THE ENCOUNTER WITH GLAMORGAN.

The Australians will probably meet a very weak Glamorgan side next Wednesday, at Cardiff. Three Swansea star players—Trew, Owen, and Jones—are all on the injured list, and certain not to play. As the result of an X-rays examination it has been found that Trew, who was injured in a practice game at the start of the season, has split the bone of one finger downwards in three places. The injury, which is looked upon as remarkable, was obtained whilst tackling. He will not play for at least four weeks. Jones, who, by reason of a displaced ankle, was out of the game for three years, has again injured his leg near the thigh. He will not play for a couple of weeks. Owen twisted his knee and ankle whilst trying to stop Carroll, the Australian player, at Swansea, last Saturday, and will not be able to play for at least one week. Others who are doubtful are Winfield,

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Wallabies Again Win.

MATCH v. CORNWALL.

CHAMPION COUNTY WEAKENED.

The Australian amateur Rugby team played the third match of their tour this afternoon at Camborne, against Cornwall. Unfortunately, the English champion county was not at full strength, Jackett (full-back) and Davies (half-back) being absent with the British team now on their way home from New York.

The grand pack of forwards which enabled Cornwall to win the county championship last season was also weakened by the exclusion of J. E. Milton, Jackson (suspended by the Union), and Davy—three reliable scrummagers. Still, the side was a formidable one, and on their own ground Cornwall were expected to run the Australians to a closer finish than either Gloucestershire or Devon.

When the New Zealanders visited Camborne after their defeat of Devon they ran up 41 points against the Cornishmen. The South Africans played the county towards the end of their tour, and could only win by three tries to one try.

The Cornish forwards have a grand style of playing, and in this respect it was anticipated the Australians would find them worthy of their steel.

The Australians only made one alteration from the side which defeated Gloucestershire in the week, Mandible who was "crooked" in that match, being replaced by Prentice in the three-quarter line. The teams were—

CORNWALL—

Back, Smith (Redruth).
Three-quarter backs, Barrie Bennetts (Penzance), B. Solomon (Redruth), F. Dean (Devon Albion), and E. Jose (Devon Albion).
Half-backs, Wedge (St. Ives) and Richards (Plymouth).

Forwards—R. Jackett (Falmouth), Thomas (Devon Albion), Wilson (Cranborne School of Mines), Tregartha (St. Ives), A. Lawry (Redruth), Marshall (Devon Albion), Willcocks (Plymouth), and Long (Looe).

AUSTRALIANS—

Back, P. Carmichael.
Three-quarter backs, C. Russell, J. Hickey, Prentice, and F. B. Carroll.
Half-backs, F. Wood and C. H. McKivett.
Forwards—J. T. Barnett, T. Griffin, C. A. Hammond, P. McCue, S. A. Middleton, N. Row, T. Richards, and Dr. H. Moran.

A crowd of about 12,000 spectators watched the game. The turf was in perfect condition. The weather was more fit for cricket than football.

Australia pressed at the start, but Cornwall worked up and nearly scored. Australia still kept up the pressure, the forwards putting in some slopping work. A fine bout of passing by the Colonials broke down at McKivett. A rush by the Wallabies forced Cornwall to save. Russell next tried, unsuccessfully, to drop a goal.

Half-time Score—	Points.
Australians	13
Cornwall	0

The Australians started the second half in a most businesslike fashion, and for some time looked as if they would completely rout the Cornishmen, but while doing all the pressing and practically commanding the scrums, their passing was wretched, and they had great weakness for knocking on. But for these faults the Colonials must have added at least two tries. Cornwall at length improved, keeping their opponents well in hand.

This was especially the case after an unfortunate accident to Linesman Flanagan, who broke his leg as the result of a collision with Russell.

The Australians were then forced to seriously defend their lines, the homesters rushing brilliantly. This pace was still maintained and the players soon showed signs of the heat. The Australians now gave the crowd the only really good bout of passing since the game started. McKivett, Hickey, and McCue being the performers, but McKivett's pass went wrong when Hickey was in a good position for running over with a try. A second attack, however, was short lived. Cornwall tried a couple of penalties, but were unsuccessful, and then had to defend, but they were not to be denied, and came right away again, and with a brilliant rush from half-way got over with a try which was converted. This encouragement stimulated the Cornish to greater effort and almost throughout the remainder of the game they had by far the best of matters.

Final Score—	G. T. P.
AUSTRALIA	3 1 13
CORNWALL	1 0 5

Descriptive Comments.

Our special reporter telegraphs:—It was not football weather, but ideal for cricket, and perhaps more suited to the Australians than the average English conditions. The visitors had a cordial reception and an especially kindly one was accorded Mandible who was injured in the Gloucestershire match.

Twenty minutes late in starting the Australians gained great advantage three minutes after the start, but the Cornish quartette defended well. The visitors were par-excellence in the line-outs, and worried the Cornish custodian. Cornwall cleared through their forwards, who were finding the pace hot. The Australians were getting the ball from the scrums, but were spoilt by sound defence.

The Australians found the wind helpful in their kicking, but poor judgment was displayed. Some fierce tackling on both sides was now the feature.

In the Cornish half the Australians essayed passing, but with no practical advantage. Cornwall found the wind a strong factor against accurate touch finding, but their forward rushes enabled them to relieve the pressure the visitors were beginning to inflict. Still the Australians came again and twice faulty play prevented what looked like probable scores. They were heeling cleanly and beautifully, but found the Cornishmen very keen indeed, and with characteristic rush they went away amid great enthusiasm, but the Colonials saved.

As the result of passing, initiated by Russell a few minutes later, Griffin scored a try, which was converted. Play was not of a high order, being more of the rough and tumble character. The finer points were entirely absent.

The wind still helped the Australians very considerably, and they worked down to the home end, where the English champions had another anxious time. Thomas saving the situation.

Both sides seemed to be endeavouring to keep the game close, and any attempt to open up and utilise the back divisions was promptly put an end to. However, Australia did get a great advantage by some loose passing, and were on the Cornish line once more only to find the defence sound.

Later, however, the Australians were rewarded, Woods giving to McKivett from a scrum, and the latter forging his way over. It was a smart try, and the Colonials deserved their 13 points lead at half-time, but should have had more if opportunities had been seized.

THE WALLABIES IN CORNWALL

COUNTY GAME A REAL TEST

By E. H. D. SEWELL

From full strength Cornwall lacked J. G. and C. H. Milton, both internationals having returned to South Africa; also G. Dovey, who has not yet returned with A. F. Harding's team, and the celebrated "Jackson," whose whereabouts are indefinite. Another prominent absentee was E. J. Jackett, who, like Dovey, is on his way home, otherwise the champion county was at full strength. The Wallabies have been staying at Mount's Bay Hotel, Penzance, since defeating Gloucestershire. At Cardiff the Queen's Hotel will be their headquarters, while there is no doubt that their form in the first two catches has caused disappointment against Devon. It was said in their behalf that the ground was too soft, while at Gloucester the day was too hot. To-day the ground conditions were perfect, for the players are accustomed to firm going. It was, however, too hot for comfortable football, but, on the whole, everything was in favour of a good fast game. The referee was Mr. Williams, of the Rugby Union.

The "Wallabies" took the field as advertised in this morning's papers. Carroll and Prentice came in at three-quarters for Mandible (injured), and Bede Smith, while Richards took Burge's place in the pack. These are only changes from the team victorious over Devon.

Cornwall kicked off against the wind and sun in the presence of 10,000. The start was a quarter of an hour late, owing to photography and the "war cry." At once Cornwall experienced ill-luck, Bennett hurting himself in tackling the Australian centre. The game was delayed a few minutes while he was bandaged. Jose was nearly over soon after the resumption as the result of a clever cross-kick by Richards.

The Australian's holding and handling generally was very poor. Jose was conspicuous for a very clever punt against the wind, going 30 yards. The game was of a very scrambling, unpolished character, quite unworthy of the class of match. Cornwall kicked dead, and touched down twice in rapid succession, as the result of forward scrambling and high punting—for the most part ill-directed. This form will not do to beat a weak Welsh club team. The visiting backs were repeatedly out of position, the wings crowding in and the centres bunching in any but good class style. As the result of a fine rush by the Cornish forwards, headed by R. Jackett, the Australians had to touch down. A magnificent run by Moran, backed up by Woods, ended in Griffin scoring near the posts, Carmichael converting.

Half-time score.	G.	T.	P.'s.
Australians	2	1	13
Cornwall	0	0	0

FIRST HALF REVIEWED.
Cornwall ought to win with the wind in the second half, as, unless the Colonials suddenly add points, they do not look like doing so, their finish being quite second-rate. Three good chances were thrown away in the last two minutes. At the same time, the Cornish tackling has been very tenacious and sure. Meul missed the final pass and lost a certain try after the best combined run, in which Woods, McKivett, and Prentice were concerned. McKivett scored in the right hand corner a moment later. Carmichael missed the goal.

Final score:	G.	T.	P.'s.
Australians	3	1	13
Cornwall	1	0	5

"WALLABIES" IN CARDIFF.

ARRIVAL OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALLERS.

HEARTY WELCOME GIVEN THE COLONIALS.

The Australian amateur Rugby footballers, who have so far played three matches in this country, arrived in Cardiff from Cornwall on Monday evening. They were given a cordial welcome, notwithstanding the fact that the arrangements therefor were dislocated by an unfortunate telegram. Up till late in the afternoon they were expected to arrive at 5.45, but then a wire was received by Mr. A. T. Dartnell, manager of the Queen's Hotel, despatched from Newton Abbott, which stated that they would not reach Cardiff until 9.20. This appears to have been despatched by an hotel manager at Newton Abbott, who had misunderstood his instructions. In consequence of this the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman Iltud Thomas), the members of the Welsh Rugby Union, the officials of the Cardiff Club, and prominent Welsh players who had assembled at the Queen's Hotel did not proceed to the railway station to greet the visitors. However, there was a fair crowd at the station, and the Colonials were given an encouraging cheer. Upon arriving at the Queen's Hotel they were most warmly welcomed by a large number of men prominent in the Welsh Rugby world. Besides officials of the Welsh Union and Cardiff Club, Messrs. Gwyn Nicholls, Percy Bush, and R. T. Gabe were there and renewed friendships made whilst touring in the Antipodes.

Adjourning to the Welsh Union room a more formal welcome was given to the "Wallabies," who numbered 29 all told. Mr. W. D. Phillips, one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair, and made one of his happy little speeches. Then the Lord Mayor extended an official civic welcome to the Colonials, and invited them to fix a date when he would show them over the new City-hall and Law Courts.

Captain M'Mahon, manager of the "Wallabies," first responded, and told how well known and appreciated the best of the Welsh players were in Australia. He related happy reminiscences of his comradeship with Rhys Gabe and Percy Bush when they were touring with Bedell-Sivright's team four years ago.

Dr. Moran, captain of the "Wallabies," said they recognised that on Wednesday they would be playing on the ground where the silver fern had been crushed and the Springboks had also been defeated, but those facts would only spur their own players to greater efforts. (Hear, hear.) At the same time, they hoped to meet the Welshmen as sportsmen, and in the brotherly spirit that should be shown between sportsmen everywhere.

DR. MORAN INTERVIEWED.

In a conversation with "Pendragon" subsequently, Dr. Moran said they were quite aware that in meeting the Glamorgan team on Wednesday they would be severely tested. "We know," he said, "that Welshmen are among the best Rugby footballers in the world, and everybody in our country knows the names of Gwyn Nicholls, Percy Bush, Rhys Gabe, Willie Llewellyn, and Teddy Morgan."

Asked if he were satisfied with the form of his men up to date, Dr. Moran said he thought they had been a little unequal, but this he accounted for by the fact that they had only had seven days' training as against fourteen days' undergone by the Springboks and the All Blacks. Then he thought that, profiting by experience, the English players had taken care to get into better condition than they had when they met the previous tourists. The comparatively poor display at Gloucester Dr. Moran attributed to the fact that Mandible, their brilliant three-quarter, was injured early in the game, whilst they also played a forward who was suffering from influenza. Again, the hot, humid atmosphere was against them. In Australia the weather is hot, but not humid, and after the Gloucester match some of their fellows were almost sick. Against Cornwall Dr. Moran considered that the "Wallabies" showed an improvement.

CAPTAIN M'MAHON'S VIEWS.
"We are representative of Queensland and New South Wales," said Captain M'Mahon, the manager of the team. "Victoria and Western Australia were not strong enough to get any men chosen. All our men are Australian born. That was the qualification."

"Are you satisfied with your form up to date?"

"Well, I think we can do better than in the three matches so far played. We had six weeks on the boat without proper exercise, and it will take two or three weeks for our men to get into proper condition."

"What have been your performances in Australia?"

"We met the original All Blacks and drew with them—eight points all. Last year in New South Wales, when the New Zealanders were said to be stronger, we met them three times. In the first match they beat us by eleven points to eight, we won the second game by fourteen points to nil, and the third contest was a draw of five points all."

TO MORROW'S MATCH AT CARDIFF.

STRONG GLAMORGAN SIDE TO MEET THE WALLABIES.

Although there are three alterations in the originally selected team (writes "Pendragon"), Glamorgan will still oppose a very strong side to the Wallabies at Cardiff to-morrow. There are two changes in the back division, Gwilym Jones, Cardiff, taking the place of W. J. Trew at centre, and H. Toft, Swansea, that of R. Jones at outside half. There will be only one change in the forwards, W. O'Neill, Cardiff, is unable to play through an accident, and he will be deputised by that clever forward, J. Pugsley, of Cardiff, who, while scarcely the equal of O'Neill, is himself little or nothing below international form. Thus, the side will be an exceedingly good one, and if the Wallabies triumph over it, then they will have cause to be proud of their performance. The Glamorgan team will turn out in this order:—

BACK—

H. B. Winfield (Cardiff).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS—

Gwilym Jones (Cardiff).

W. Spiller (Cardiff).

Phil Hopkins (Swansea), and

Fred Lewis (Swansea).

HALF-BACKS—

R. M. Owen (Swansea) and

H. Toft (Swansea).

FORWARDS—

J. Pugsley (Cardiff).

J. Brown (Cardiff).

J. Casey (Cardiff).

G. Hayward (Swansea).

Ivor Morgan (Swansea).

P. C. Dick Thomas (Mountain Ash).

W. Morgan (Treorkey), and

T. C. Lloyd (Neath).

The kick-off will be at 3.45 p.m.

WALLABIES'

First Match in Wales.

GLAMORGAN v. AUSTRALIA.

BIG CARDIFF CROWD.

TOURISTS LEAD AT INTERVAL.

"By Old Stager."

Notwithstanding that the Wallabies have not played quite up to their reputed form and have been unanimously declared by the critics to be inferior in merit to the first All Black visitors of 1905 and to the South Africans, that the novelty and the hands-across-the-sea sentiment has had time to evaporate while the mammoth scores of the New Zealanders have not been repeated there was a great crowd at Cardiff this afternoon to witness the amateur Australians first match in Wales. A typical big-hearted Cymric welcome was accorded to the tourists and the spectators realised that the performance of the guests, however well they might win, would not do justice to their ability as a side inasmuch as three of their very best men were down with injuries. None of the preceding over-seas tourists has had such cruel luck as to lose the cream of the side with only three games played.

Glamorgan's team was only a shadow of its strongest representation, with all its players fit and with the return of those members now crossing the Atlantic on the journey home from the Southern hemisphere. Forward the home side would have been powerfully represented had W. O'Neill not been injured at Bristol on Saturday last, for he more than any other player in Wales is distinguished by capacity to feed the backs, especially from line-outs.

With Trew in at centre three-quarter and Jones partnering Owen the home chance of winning would have been a good one on the best status shown by the Australians in any of their matches to date, but the home team was expected to be at a disadvantage at centre three-quarter, and more especially in combination, which so often has brought victory to Welsh sides.

About a quarter of an hour from the start the international "atmosphere" was introduced by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." As the kick-off approached the crowd had been much recruited, but there was little warrant for hope that the record Glamorgan "gate" of £1,800 taken on the occasion of the South Africans match on the same ground would be reached. Of course, the £2,900 odd yielded by the "gate" at the Wales v. South Africans game at Swansea was in marked contrast, and judged by its monetary side, is a record for Wales, though it will be hard to convince the spectators of the ever-memorable game with Ireland, when Bancroft was injured, that that was not the occasion when the biggest crowd ever assembled at Cardiff.

Teams:—

AUSTRALIA—

Full back—P. Carmichael

Three-quarters—D. B. Carroll, F. Bede-Smith,

J. Hickey, and C. C. Russell

Five-eighths—C. McKivatt.

Half-back—F. Woods.

Forwards—J. T. Barnett, C. C. Hammond, T.

Griffin, P. McCue, S. E. Middleton, N. B. Row, T.

Richards, and H. M. Moran (capt.)

GLAMORGAN—

Full back—H. B. Winfield (Cardiff).

Three-quarters—Gwilym Jones and W. Spiller

(Cardiff), centres: Fred Lewis (Swansea) and Phil

Hopkins (Swansea).

Half-backs—R. M. Owen and H. Toft (Swansea).

Forwards—D. Hayward and Ivor Morgan (Swansea).

J. Pugsley, J. Brown, and J. Casey (Cardiff), P. C.

R. Thomas (Mountain Ash), W. Morgan (Treorkey),

and T. C. Lloyd (Neath).

Referee—Mr. A. O. Jones, Leicester.

Play Described.

Punctually to time the Wallabies entered the field amid cordial cheering. It seems now the general thing for visiting teams to give a war cry, but that of the Wallabies was not so fearsome as that of their professional compatriots, and immediately it was concluded, a section of the crowd imitated its notes very successfully, as Glamorgan, led by Dicky Owen, took the field. There was no wind to speak of but a poor light when the Wallabies kicked off towards the river. It was a high kick, and the forwards, with McCue—the image of Casey, of Cardiff—in build and features—tearing down on the full back, but Winfield fielded with coolness and put in a lovely kick which all but reached half way. Several scrummages followed the line-out, but they were very ragged, and it was obvious that the Wallabies' tactics were to force the pace forward, and by fast following of high punts by their backs, to knock the Welsh backs off their play.

Winfield, however, was again to the fore with another brilliant touch-finding punt. At this stage, it looked as though Winfield was going to play as great a game as he did for Wales against New Zealand, and that the Wallabies were going to fall into the same error of exhausting their speed by chasing him. One rush, in which Dr. Moran, the tourists' captain, Griffin, Richards, and Barnett were leading, threatened danger, but first Phil Hopkins got in a flying kick, and then Owen passed to Spiller with the very acme of resource, and the Cardiffian, playing at right centre, put in a very smart kick that gained relief.

The home forwards, very much out-weighted, brought off a rattling dribble, in which P.C. Thomas, Ivor Morgan, Casey, and Hayward were to the fore. They got to the Wallabies' 25 on two occasions, the first time being repelled by quick fielding and a high punt, and the second, Bede Smith playing at right, or outside centre as the visitors call it, fielded and made a dashing run, but was worked to touch. Chiefly by following high punts, now being put in with greater judgment, the tourists carried play to the Glamorgan 25. Once they were splendidly driven back by fearless fielding, and a tricky run and smart punt by Toft.

County Penalised.

Then Glamorgan were penalised, apparently for not immediately playing the ball. Carmichael took the shot for goal from nearly the right touch-line, and the ball fell on the bar and rebounding into the field of play Owen caught it, and after dodging a couple of the backs, punted towards touch. The ball was fielded, but a couple of Glamorgan men got on the field as he was claiming a mark. They had not been put on side by Owen, and so another penalty was given against Glamorgan. This time it was from the left touch-line, and the kick was taken, and Carmichael again missed the shot, this time badly.

Up to now there had been very poor heeling and no concerted back play.

The Wallabies continued their rushing tactics until they got to the home 25, and then they started passing, their forwards beating the home eight for possession. Wood got the ball away to McKivatt, who was called a five-eighth, but was really an outside half, and he passed generally without making adequate openings. The three-quarters did not show exceptional pace and their passing, though it was done on the run, was of the hand-to-hand order, and their centres were not equal to their wings. All tried to run straight, and individually ran determinedly, but there was quite missing the finesse that characterised the play of the New Zealanders and the speed of the Africans.

A big effort was made to score on the right wing, where Gwilym Jones came to the rescue, and then the ball was carried almost to the goal line on the left wing, where Winfield checked them, and Owen and Spiller gained relief.

Visitors Draw First Blood.

This, however, was only momentary: and after a line-out, the ball went from hand to hand among the backs until Russell took it on the extreme right wing and scored a try. The angle was none too easy, but Carmichael landed a goal after rather more than fifteen minutes' play, the tourists thus leading by five points.

Territorially the visitors had had much the better of the play, and their lead was well deserved, for they had done practically all the forcing. During the next 10 minutes play slackened down materially in pace, and the Glamorgan forwards were now making a gallant fight. Chances went a-begging that an O'Neill would not have missed, but in several scrummages the lighter home men were doing surprisingly well. Wood was prone to play on top of Owen, and the extra speed of the

tourists' backs robbed passing bouts with success, Bede-Smith, McKivatt, and Russell shining in this respect. Glamorgan were putting up a brave fight for and aft, and play for the most part was taking place in the tourists' quarter.

Place Kick Fails.

The dash of the powerfully-built visitors' pack was at this stage much reduced and hope was strong that the wiry Welshmen would outlast them in stamina. Wood was again penalised for impeding Owen, and Winfield essayed a place kick at goal from long range; but no luck attended a good effort. Glamorgan were now getting the better of meeting, but Owen was time after time tackled before he could get the ball away, this being due to the position taken up by Ross, a forward, who did not use an ounce of his weight in the scrum.

His tactics did not violate any rule like that of the New Zealand "winger," but he was as great a spoiler as the celebrated Irishman, C. V. Rooke. Instead of being a pure obstructionist as Gallagher, the New Zealand captain was he "played the game," much as a section of the spectators objected to his methods.

At length Owen got the ball away perfectly, but Gwilym Jones made a mistake of kicking without having regard to his co-centre, and the right wing being in splendid position to drive home an attack.

For the five minutes or so before half-time Glamorgan were set to it in defence, following an unexpectedly smart bit of sprinting, doubling, and kicking by Fred Lewis, late of Treorkey, but now of Swansea. The interval arrived without further scoring, and the Australians, had they had any luck, might have scored again.

Half-time Score—

	G.	T.	P.
Wallabies	1	0	5
Glamorgan	0	0	0

The first half had revealed the Wallabies to be a better balanced side than they had been represented generally. The grave fault of their forwards had been that they often ran in advance of the ball, and their rushes lacked disciplined control. Their half-backs, Wood and the five-eighths had disappointed, but the three-quarters, except that they did not show the combination in attack or defence of a good Welsh side, were individually smarter than their professional brethren the Kangaroos. They had showed, as a side, possibilities of training on into a very useful side, but in opportunism they were behind the All Blacks of 1905 and there was no one among them with the speed of the African wings. As a spectacle the play had not been up to the quality of the Glamorgan matches against Colonial sides and the home team were worthy of the rising cheers accorded them for they had fought pluckily to a degree.

SECOND HALF.

Brown restarted for Glamorgan, and from the return fielded and made a capital kick to touch at the Wallabies' 25. From the line-out, the Wallabies came away, and there was scrappy play between the two sides at midfield. The tourists soon worked to the Glamorgan quarter, and a poor kick gave them an advantage of which they were not slow to take. Several short sharp bouts of passing put the Glamorgan line in danger, and at length, though man after man was tackled with the ball, each got it away, and Russell again scored on the right wing. From a difficult angle Carmichael failed to place the ball anywhere near the posts, and the tourists' lead was now eight points.

Follows the drop-out, Glamorgan came away and Dicky Owen, getting the ball from a clean heel broke away and handed to Toft. He gave up to Gwilym Jones who handed to Fred Lewis. The latter, however, was forced into touch after a game attempt to get going.

Glamorgan were invading Australian territory, when Russell intercepted a pass, and ran hard for nearly thirty yards, when he passed to Row, who took the ball when going full tilt, and the wing forward threw to Bede-Smith; who had cut in between him and the touch-line, only to take the ball forward.

County's Missed Chance.

Brown put in some good tackling, and so did Morgan (Treorkey), Lord (Neath), and Pugsley (Cardiff). The two Swansea men, Hayward and Ivor Morgan, and Dick Thomas did a lot of useful work, and gradually ground was gained from loose breaks away from scrumming. From one of these, first Hayward and then Ivor Morgan, dribbled grandly, and the full back and Carroll on the left wing looked like being beaten, but there was no one up to take a pass from the foot.

Great excitement followed, and the bulk of the crowd had evidently concluded that the Australians had been worn down. It was only a few moments, however, that play remained near the Wallabies' goal, and after a dashing run to halfway by the forwards Wood gave a fine, sharp pass direct to Russell on the extreme right, and the transfer was beautifully taken, but Winfield jumped for his man and forced him into touch.

Soon a good kick by Winfield, followed by fine following up by the forwards, and tricky punting by Owen and Toft, gave Glamorgan another footing far down in Australian territory.

Within an Ace.

In a rushing dribble, in which backs and forwards participated, the Australian left wing—Carroll—was beaten and Glamorgan came within an ace of scoring, Freddy Lewis hereabouts being conspicuous. The first real round of passing by the home backs followed, but they missed fire, Russell and Hickey, the right wing and left centre, saving the goal.

Glamorgan Scores.

The Australians were progressing to between their 25 and halfway when a player tackled broke the rule by not immediately playing the ball and was duly penalised. Winfield took the shot from practically the same position as that from which Carmichael had failed. Amid a strange silence, the ball rose truly and went across the centre of the bar, the big crowd yelling itself hoarse with delight. This reduced the Wallabies lead to five points, and Glamorgan resumed play with renewed vigour.

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Recruits Coming Over.

Sydney, Tuesday.—The New South Wales Rugby Union is ending A. F. Burge and Ken Gavin to England to replace the two men who have been injured.—Reuter.

Mr C. H. S. Dring, manager of the Cardiff Empire, invited, on behalf of Mr Oswald Stoll, the Wallabies—the team of Australian amateurs now on tour—and the members of the Glamorgan team, to the second performance at the Empire to-night, and the invitation has been accepted.

KEEN AND EXCITING GAME AT CARDIFF.

GLAMORGAN DECISIVELY BEATEN.

[By "FORWARD."]

Notwithstanding some important defections in the Glamorgan team, through injuries to some of the most brilliant of our players in Wales to-day, keen and widespread interest was aroused by the first visit of the Wallabies to the Principality and in their opening match of the Welsh tour at Cardiff against the men of Glamorgan. People came from all points of the compass to see and judge for themselves what manner of men the Colonials are.

Having been in Cardiff since Monday evening, the Wallabies had become fairly acclimatised, and by a series of practices had made themselves acquainted with whatever geographical peculiarities are to be found on the Cardiff Arms Park.

The conditions were almost ideal, the only just cause of complaint being the dulness of the weather and the dampness of the atmosphere. The ground was never in a more perfect condition. Several members of the English Union were conspicuous among the occupants of the reserved seats inside the ropes, and the members of the Welsh Union were also present in force. The three victories of the Colonials were so recently won that it need hardly be said they faced Glamorgan an unbeaten team. The performances, although meritorious, were not considered to have been distinguished with that brilliancy which marked the opening matches of the All Blacks' and Springboks' tours.

Still, it was recognised that their play possessed the virtue of soundness in an eminent degree.

The most prominent absentees from the home team were W. Trew, R. Jones, and W. O'Neill, men of such calibre that their places could not be adequately filled. W. J. Trew was deputised by Gwilym Jones, R. Jones by H. Toft, and W. O'Neill by J. Pugsley, one of the best, although one of the least noticed of the Cardiff forwards. The Wallabies turned out as selected.

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P. Carmichael.
THREE-QUARTER BACKS—
D. B. Carroll,
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J. Hickey, and
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HALF-BACKS—
F. Woods and
C. McKivatt.
FORWARDS—
Dr. H. M. Moran (captain),
J. T. Barnett,
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T. Richards, and
C. C. Hammond.

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REFEREE—
Mr. A. O. Jones (Leicester).

THE GAME DESCRIBED.

The Wallabies fielded a few minutes before time, and in the corner near the cricket pavilion ranged themselves in position for their war-cry, with which they greeted the Glamorgan players as they filed into the enclosure. The Glamorgan men, like their opponents, carried numbers on their backs. One of the visiting forwards kicked off, and Winfield returned with a perfect beauty, which gained touch near the centre. From a high punt sent the ball down to the mouth of the Glamorgan goal, where one of the home backs failed to take it, and a pass was sent out to Spiller, who put in a huge kick into the Australians' 25, where Carmichael was tackled in possession and threw the ball

into touch. Another high kick sent the ball to Winfield, who replied safely, but was charged in the shoulder after he had put in his kick. It looked at first as if he were badly hurt, but he quickly recovered. Glamorgan, playing with surprising vigour, carried play into the Wallabies' 25, where Bede-Smith, fielding the ball from a smart kick by Toft, ran through the Glamorgans in brilliant style and passed when tackled on the home 25 line, but no further progress was made, and a moment later the ball was kicked over the Glamorgan line, and allowed by Winfield to roll out of bounds. A terrific pace was being kept up, and the Wallabies were beginning to show their cleverness in heeling out from the scrum. The ground they gained by their passing, however, was recovered by a brilliant dribble by the Glamorgan forwards, who were not stopped until Carmichael threw himself fearlessly on the ball ten yards from his own 25 line. A free kick for off-side was given against Glamorgan in a good position, and a magnificent kick sent the ball dead on the cross-bar. It rebounded into play, and Toft, taking it almost from the hands of one of the on-rushing Colonial forwards, kicked into the open, and Carroll, on the left wing, made his mark, and the ball was placed again for a shot at goal. This time it went wide of the mark, and Winfield kicked up to Carmichael, who was bowled into touch before he could reply.

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Clever work by Woods on the blind side resulted in that player getting clear away and passing to Russell, who sprinted for the line, but was splendidly tackled by Winfield. Another magnificent rush by the Welsh forwards, smartly backed up by Freddy Lewis, took the ball to the visitors' goal-line, and excitement rose to fever heat when the ball was seen coming out from the subsequent scrum on the Glamorgan side. A desperate effort was made to carry it over, but Bede Smith saved the situation. In the next minute a penalty was given against the Australians, and Winfield, having the ball placed for him, kicked a magnificent goal from a difficult angle. With a lead reduced to five points, it was no certainty that the Wallabies would win, after all, as there remained twenty minutes for play. Spiller showed cleverness in intercepting a pass, but was unlucky in knocking on slightly, when he was clear away with only the full-back in front of him. Quite unexpectedly the Wallabies opened out an attack on the right, and Russell, again being the last to receive the ball, went for the line for all he was worth, and putting Freddy Lewis aside in the easiest possible manner scored his third try in the corner. Had Lewis only showed a little more determination in his attempt to tackle he might have prevented a score, but instead of going for Russell's legs he simply touched him on the shoulder. Row again made himself unpopularly prominent by fouling one of the Glamorgan backs and bringing upon his side a penalty.

ALL OVER BAR SHOUTING.

Fine kicking by Winfield was the next feature of interest, one of his kicks finding touch after covering half the length of the field. A pretty round of passing was brought off by the Glamorgan backs through the initiation of Owen, but Phil Hopkins after receiving the final pass was well tackled by Carroll on the visitors' 25 line. Row, for the fourth time, was penalised for another palpable foul, but the advantage gained did not correspond with the gravity of the offence. The Wallabies showed much better form in the closing stages than their opponents, and belied their reputation of falling off towards the finish. They came dangerously near adding to their score through some smart picking up and short passing. A mistake by Winfield—the first he had made throughout the match—in just failing to hold the ball allowed two or three of the Australian forwards to dribble away, and Richards, throwing himself on the ball, scored under the cross-bar for Carmichael to convert. It was now all over bar shouting, Glamorgan being a thoroughly beaten side. There was no further incident until the final whistle sounded.

Final score.			
WALLABIES	G.	T.	Pts.
GLAMORGAN	2	2	16
	1	0	3

"FORWARD'S" COMMENTS. EXCELLENCE WHICH CAME AS A REVELATION.

Except at full back, Glamorgan were beaten everywhere, and the decisive victory of the

Wallabies goes a long way as a justification of my prediction after seeing them play their first game at Plymouth, that they would probably win all their matches in Wales with the possible exception of three, namely, Wales, Cardiff, and Swansea.

That little bit of prophecy did not meet with the approval of the critics who saw and their third game with Cornwall, but I the title of the Colonials to rank as a combination little inferior to the famous All Blacks and Springboks.

They play an entirely different kind of game to those two combinations, but that doesn't prove that they are not equally as effective.

In estimating the strength of Glamorgan yesterday, and comparing it with that of the Glamorgan team which only barely lost to both the All Blacks and the Springboks, one allowance must, of course, be made for the absence of Trew, Jones, and O'Neill; but it must be also remembered that the Glamorgan side that did so much better against the New Zealanders at Swansea was, as a matter of fact, a far more unrepresentative side than that of yesterday, and, in a little less degree, the same remark applies to the South African match at Cardiff, which ought to have been won by the home team on actual play. So that comparisons, however odious they may be, are distinctly in favour of the Wallabies. Their superiority over Glamorgan was unmistakable, and there was only one brief period in the game when Glamorgan looked like drawing level.

The form displayed during that period only flattered to deceive, and in the closing stages the Wallabies were as fresh as paint, and good enough for any number of tries.

It was a keen, fast, and, at times, exciting game, in which the visitors showed excellence in many phases which had not been anticipated by many people, and which, therefore, came as a revelation to the great majority.

Their strong point, which was most marked in their first match, has been more than sustained, and by this I mean that their keenness and determination are greater than ever.

They have also trained so well as to improve their staying powers, and after yesterday's exhibition the charge of falling off at the finish cannot be laid against them. In their heeling and in their line-out work the Colonial forwards showed infinite superiority over the South African forwards, and gave their backs so many scoring opportunities by their skill and adroitness in this department that they would have been a poor lot indeed had they failed to take advantage of those opportunities.

There were occasions when their passing broke down, but it would be, indeed, a slight misnomer to say a back division whose mechanism has seen so perfected as to make these occasional failures an impossibility. What was altogether admirable about their methods was that every man of them played to the whistle, and this strong feature was in striking contrast to the lackadaisical fashion in which the Glamorgans failed to observe and act up to this golden rule. They also tackled hard and determinedly, and here, again, they gave the home team a valuable object lesson in the efficacy of planting their opponents deep, instead of frivolling with them round their shoulders. So pronounced was the superiority of the visiting forwards in feeding their backs that the Dicky Owens on the Glamorgan side of that scrum, was so severely handicapped that he had only on rare occasions did he have the chance of putting the men behind him in motion. He also missed Dick Jones as his partner, and there was a very pronounced weakness in the play of Gwilym Jones in the centre.

One regrettable feature of the match was the frequent fouling by L. E. Row, and the Wallabies, for the sake of their reputation for clean football, had better see to it that there is no repetition of the tactics which brought so many penalties on the game was. But for these delinquencies, the game was free from any shady or dishonourable tactics, and, though played with a maximum of keenness, was under no appreciable suspicion of being unduly rough.

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Glamorgan 25, where Russell, receiving the last pass in a short, sharp bout of exchanges, threw himself over the line, wide out, with a try, which Carmichael could not convert. This score was obtained within three minutes of the re-start. Carmichael took a place-kick for goal from five yards on his own side of the centre-line, but the ball fell short, and fell into the hands of Winfield, who found touch in perfect style ten yards from the centre. Showing great pace and determination, the Australian backs broke away on the right, but a pass forward spoiled the movement, and lost a probable try. The Glamorgan tackling was not half so keen and deadly as it ought to have been in order to be effective, men being continually allowed to pass after they had been tackled or half tackled. Hayward, the Swansea forward, broke away from the centre with a magnificent dribble, and looked a certain scorer until his progress was interrupted by Carmichael. So far it was the best individual effort on the part of any home player, and thoroughly merited a score.

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Clever work by Woods on the blind side resulted in that player getting clear away and passing to Russell, who sprinted for the line, but was splendidly tackled by Winfield. Another magnificent rush by the Welsh forwards, smartly backed up by Freddie Lewis, took the ball to the visitors' goal-line, and excitement rose to fever heat when the ball was seen coming out from the subsequent scrum on the Glamorgan side. A desperate effort was made to carry it over, but Bede-Smith saved the situation. In the next minute a penalty was given against the Australians, and Winfield, having the ball placed for him, kicked a magnificent goal from a difficult angle. With a lead reduced to five points, it was no certainty that the Wallabies would win, after all, as there remained twenty minutes for play. Spiller showed cleverness in intercepting a pass, but was unlucky in knocking on slightly, when he was clear away with only the full-back in front of him. Quite unexpectedly the Wallabies opened out an attack on the right, and Russell, again being the last to receive the ball, went for the line for all he was worth, and putting Freddie Lewis aside in the easiest possible manner scored his third try in the corner. Had Lewis only showed a little more determination in his attempt to tackle he might have prevented a score, but instead of going for Russell's legs he simply touched him on the shoulder. Row again made himself unpopularly prominent by fouling one of the Glamorgan backs and bringing upon his side a penalty.

ALL OVER BAR SHOUTING.
Fine kicking by Winfield was the next feature of interest, one of his kicks finding touch after covering half the length of the field. A pretty round of passing was brought off by the Glamorgan backs through the initiation of Owen, but Phil Hopkins after receiving the final pass was well tackled by Carroll on the visitors' 25 line. Row, for the fourth time, was penalised for another palpable foul, but the advantage gained did not correspond with the gravity of the offence. The Wallabies showed their opponents, and belied their reputation of falling off towards the finish. They came dangerously near adding to their score through some smart picking-up and short passing. A mistake by Winfield—the first he had made throughout the match—in just failing to hold the ball allowed two or three of the Australian forwards to dribble away, and Richards, throwing himself on the ball, scored under the cross-bar for Carmichael to convert. It was now all over bar shouting. Glamorgan being a thoroughly beaten side. There was no further incident until the final whistle sounded.

Final score.		G. T. P'ts.	
WALLABIES	2	2	16
GLAMORGAN	1	0	5

"FORWARD'S" COMMENTS.
EXCELLENCE WHICH CAME AS A REVELATION.
Except at full back, Glamorgan were beaten everywhere, and the decisive victory of the

Wallabies goes a long way as a justification of my prediction after seeing them play their first game at Plymouth, that they would probably win all their matches in Wales with the possible exception of three, namely, Wales, Cardiff, and Swansea.

That little bit of prophecy did not meet with the approval of the critics who saw them play their second game at Gloucester and their third game with Cornwall, but I feel confident that time will further vindicate the title of the Colonials to rank as a combination little inferior to the famous All Blacks and Springboks.

They play an entirely different kind of game to those two combinations, but that doesn't prove that they are not equally as effective.

In estimating the strength of Glamorgan yesterday, and comparing it with that of the Glamorgan team which only barely lost to both the All Blacks and the Springboks, due allowance must, of course, be made for the absence of Trew, Jones, and O'Neill, but it must be also remembered that the Glamorgan side that did so much better against the New Zealanders at Swansea was, as a matter of fact, a far more unrepresentative side than that of yesterday, and, in a little less degree, the same remark applies to the South African match at Cardiff, which ought to have been won by the home team on actual play. So that comparisons, however odious they may be, are distinctly in favour of the Wallabies. Their superiority over Glamorgan was unmistakable, and there was only one brief period in the game when Glamorgan looked like drawing level.

The form displayed during that period only flattered to deceive, and in the closing stages the Wallabies were as fresh as paint, and good enough for any number of tries.

It was a keen, fast, and, at times, exciting game, in which the visitors showed excellence in many phases which had not been anticipated by many people, and which, therefore, came as a revelation to the great majority.

Their strong point, which was most marked in their first match, has been more than sustained, and by this I mean that their keenness and determination are greater than ever.

They have also trained so well as to improve their staying powers, and after yesterday's exhibition the charge of falling off at the finish cannot be laid against them. In their heeling and in their line-out work the Colonial forwards showed infinite superiority over the South African forwards, and gave their backs so many scoring opportunities by their skill and adroitness in this department that they would have been a poor lot indeed had they failed to take advantage of those opportunities.

There were occasions when their passing broke down, but it would be, indeed, a sight for the gods to see a back division whose mechanism has been so perfected as to make these occasional failures an impossibility. What was altogether admirable about their methods was that every man of them played in striking contrast to the lackadaisical fashion in which the Glamorgans failed to observe and act up to this golden rule.

They also tackled hard and determinedly, and here, again, they gave the home team a valuable object lesson in the efficacy of planting their opponents deep, instead of frivolous with them round their shoulders. So pronounced was the superiority of the visiting forwards in feeding their backs that Dicky Owens on the Glamorgan side of the scrum, was so severely handicapped that only on rare occasions did he have the chance of putting the men behind him in motion. He also missed Dick Jones as his partner, and there was a very pronounced weakness in the play of Gwilym Jones in the centre.

One regrettable feature of the match was the frequent fouling by L. E. Row, and the Wallabies, for the sake of their reputation for clean football, had better see to it that there is no repetition of the tactics which brought so many penalties on their heads. But for these delinquencies, the game was free from any shady or dishonourable tactics, and, though played with a maximum of keenness, was under no appreciable suspicion of being unduly rough.

Winfield kicked with wonderful length and accuracy of direction, and his one fault in failing to take the ball when the last try

PENYGRAIG

Penygraig v. Wallabies. POOR GAME ON MID-RHONDDA GROUND HOMESTERS' DOGGED TACKLING

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ment of professionalism on the Welsh amateur preserves the competitive spirit engendered by the rivalry of the codes has proved a blessing to the spectators in the Rhondda, for better class football will be seen there this season than for many years past. Following in the wake of the Kangaroos last Saturday, the amateur Australian tourists to-day played Penygraig on the Mid-Rhondda Athletic Ground, one of the best appointed enclosures in Wales outside the big towns, which had been lent for the occasion by the promoters of the Northern Union Club.

The respective merits of to-day's contestants would be more in the nature of a contrast than a comparison, for since the Wallabies by their decisive victory, and their admittedly splendid play against Glamorgan, belied their critics a splendid victory for them against

was scored was of such a character that it could be easily overlooked.

After yesterday's game the question will side naturally arise, "Can Wales produce a team strong enough to beat the Wallabies?" The answer can well be deferred until such time as we know what team will be available.

AUSTRALIAN VIEWS ON THE MATCH.

In a general conversation with the Australians after the match they, naturally, expressed considerable gratification at their splendid victory. They felt that they had not been fairly treated by the critics in this country, but when it was suggested to them that the adverse criticism was justified on their play in the three previous matches they admitted that this was so. At the same time, they held that they had been underestimated. Of this their victory over Glamorgan is convincing proof. They said that while their forwards had come up to expectations, their backs would do better yet, and that future matches would show an improvement on Wednesday's form. As to the Glamorgan players, they were surprised at the lack of pace of the forwards, and the inability of the halves to get the ball away, but this they attributed to the fact that the home forwards were overpowered, and that, therefore, Owen and Toft had little chance.

THE DINNER.

At the invitation of the Glamorgan Club, the players of both sides and a number of guests sat down to dinner at the Queen's Hotel. Sir John Llewellyn, president of the Welsh Union, was present, but, after welcoming the Australians, left before the dinner to catch a train to London. Mr. Tom Williams afterwards presided.

Mr. Williams gave "The Australian Fifteen," and entertained the audience with an admirable sporting speech, in which he dwelt upon the fame achieved by Australians in various branches of sport.

Captain M'Mahon, manager of the Australians, responded, and, deprecating professionalism in Rugby football, felt it would be a great pity if it crowded out of the game such men as R. T. Gabe, Percy Bush, and Sidney Bevan, whom he had met out in Australia.

Dr. Moran, captain of the Wallabies, in proposing the Glamorgan team, said he was proud of his team's achievement, and observed, in fairness to the critics, that they had not done themselves justice in the three other games. He was proud that amateurism was dominant in Wales, for he would rather see Rugby dead, buried, and forgotten than see it played for filthy lucre.

Mr. Ack Llewellyn, in responding, pronounced that when Wales met the Australians they would have a very tough nut to crack.

Mr. W. M. Douglas submitted "The Visitors," and the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman Illyd Thomas), Mr. A. Donne, Somersetshire; Mr. Bostock Smith, Gloucestershire, and Mr. J. W. Courts, Cardiff (an Australian by birth), responded.

Mr. W. T. Morgan, president of the Cardiff Club, gave "The Welsh Union," and Mr. W. D. Phillips responded, while Mr. Edgar Jones submitted "The Referee." Mr. A. O. Jones remarking upon the grit of the Australians in sport in his response.

TEAMS AT THE EMPIRE.

Afterwards the two teams visited the Cardiff Empire, at the invitation of Mr. C. H. S. Dring, the manager.

THE "GATE."

The attendance was something under 20,000, and the total proceeds reached about £1,000, of which the Colonials take half.

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run out as follows:—
Mr. H. B. Windfield's Team: Back, F. Roberts (Australia), H. Daly (Australia), J. M'Gabe (Australia) (one of the famous All Blacks); forward, J. Stephen-backs, Dick Jones (Swansea) and J. M'Arthur (Australia); forwards (Australia), G. Haywood (Swansea), Ivor Morgan (Swansea), George Booth (Newport), J. J. Hodges (Newport), T. Gageley (Cardiff), and A. J. Duncan (Cardiff). Three-quarter backs, G. Woods (Cardiff), J. Smith (Cardiff), W. A. M'Creath (Cardiff), and Harris (Pontypridd); full-backs, Jones (Mountain Ash) and half-backs, (Cardiff) forwards, Powell (Cardiff), E. Lewis (Cardiff), Harding (Cardiff), M. Griffiths (Treorchy), Polson (Treorchy), W. Morgan (Treorchy), Manager, Am. Athletic Team.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK

[By "FORWARD."]

How many people can remember Glamorgan being beaten by sixteen points to three before they met the Wallabies last Wednesday? Let the All Blacks and Springboks matches be included in the series, and let that series begin at the beginning and cover the whole period of the county's existence, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a parallel for such a decisive defeat.

It is only too well remembered that the county had much the better of the game with the South Africans, and had them so hopelessly beaten in the last twenty minutes that they ought to have won with comparative ease, and it will be remembered, too, that if there had been only one of our international centres playing against the All Blacks at Swansea the game would have been a gift for the county. The Glamorgan team that day was far more unrepresentative than that of last Wednesday.

These are facts to ponder over when drawing a line through the performances of the three touring teams which have visited our shores in the past four years, and they are facts which will cause some agitation in the minds of those who are anxious for our country's football welfare when their full import is properly realised.

It is already a matter of serious doubt to many as to whether Wales can this season produce a team capable of beating the Wallabies, while there are others who profess to be sanguine enough to believe that not only Wales, but Cardiff and Swansea, will be found equal to such an achievement.

The more optimistic of Welshmen point with pride—and a justifiable pride—to the heroic way in which the Welsh team rose to the occasion when they had to meet the invincible Fernlanders, and one is bound to admire them for having sufficient confidence in their countrymen's resourcefulness to believe that the hour will produce the men again when the Wallabies are due back in Wales on December 12.

In their undying enthusiasm over that historic victory they are apt to forget that there has been a slump in the wealth and the strength of our football talent. Our back division on that memorable day consisted of H. B. Winfield, Gwyn Nicholls, E. T. Morgan, Willie Llewellyn, R. T. Gabe, Cliff Pritchard, Percy Bush, and Dickie Owen. Four out of the seven have put off their armour, and the question we have to ask ourselves is this: Have we four other men at the present time of the calibre of Nicholls, Pritchard, Morgan, and Llewellyn? Is there anybody who can conscientiously answer that question in the affirmative?

Majority Right

I know there are thousands who will be ready with an emphatic reply in the negative, and the truth is on the side of the majority in this case.

Not only does one feel some misgiving in regard to our back division, but there is some basis for doubting whether we can turn out such another pack of forwards as that which played so valiantly against the All Blacks. Some of the forwards who played in that match will play again against the Wallabies, but, unlike good wine, they have not improved with age, and young forwards of equal

class are slow in disclosing their talents.

Hayward and Ivor Morgan, of Swansea, are about the only two of the younger generation who are quite up to the standard set for international merit, and the pity is that four more of their type are not to be found in present-day Welsh football. We are well off in full-backs and half-backs, but there is no doubt about it that our forwards and three-quarters require considerable stiffening, and, according to the present outlook, the supply of the necessary talent is not equal to the demand.

The return of Reggie Gibbs and J. L. Williams gives a silver lining to the cloud hovering over us, and it may be that things will so shape themselves that it will disappear altogether. I am conscious of having painted a dismal, gloomy picture of the future, but, at the same time, the truth of what has been said cannot be controverted.

Most people are satisfied by this time that the Wallabies are a much better team than they were generally credited with being when they arrived in this country, and even after they had defeated Devon, Gloucester, and Cornwall.

It required such a performance as they gave against Glamorgan to carry conviction that they are a side worthy of representing a British Colony, and their decisive victory in that match set a seal on their strength.

To make comparisons between them and the Australian professionals is as ridiculous as it is offensive, and to suggest that the professionals are in the same class is the very climax of absurdity. They are not, and time will prove it to demonstration before many weeks have passed. In their quiet, modest way the Australian amateurs can be relied upon to work out their own salvation, and they will do it all the more effectively by shedding some of those disagreeable tactics in their play which brought so many penalties upon their heads last Wednesday.

They have come to the Homeland with the reputation of being a clean, sporting side, and they ought to be jealous of their good name and careful that they do nothing which will tarnish it or cause it to be buried in British soil before they return to the land under the Southern Cross. In the long run they will derive more lasting satisfaction from this than they will from even an unbeaten record. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Pro. Devices.

Letters have reached me during the week from the Rhondda Valley in which the writers protest against devices of promoters of professionalism in inducing young amateur players to sign a professional form on the strength of a verbal promise that they will be paid £1 per match.

Tempted by such promise, several young amateurs have, I am informed, signed the form, and after doing so have found, to their chagrin, that they are not considered good enough to be included in the team. The result is that they are left perfectly helpless, being unable to play for any amateur team once they have signed the Northern Union form, while they are kept out of the professional team into which they have sold themselves for a paltry sovereign.

It may be said that they take such a step with their eyes open, which is perfectly true. But it is true, also, that in many cases they do so in ignorance of the fact that the mere signing of the form is an act of professionalism, and that is where the hardship comes in.

The object of the professional propagandists is, it is said, not so much to secure the actual services of these young players as to to debar them from playing for the amateur teams, which are looked upon as rival organisations whose competitive power must be weakened as much as possible. That is not sport, and I hope this note of warning will have the intended effect.

WALLABIES' SECRET

HOW THEY HEEL THE BALL

AMAZINGLY CLEVER TRICK

[By "PENDRAGON."]

It is a safe assertion to make that on no occasion within the past fifteen years has a first-class pack of Welsh forwards been so soundly beaten as were the Glamorgan eight by the Australians at Cardiff on Wednesday.

I speak more particularly of the struggle for possession of the ball—the all-important phase of forward play from a Welsh standpoint. If a Welsh pack are beaten in heeling, then the backs are so badly handicapped that they have not reasonable opportunities of displaying their skill, and may show to very great disadvantage, as did the Glamorgans against the Wallabies.

Joe Pugsley, the Cardiff front-ranker, gives a remarkable explanation of the success of the Wallabies in getting the ball in the scrum. It is known that every man has his special place in the pack, and the centre man of the first three is an expert hooker. With his arms placed firmly round the man on either side of him, he often has both feet off the ground. Thus it was that frequently when the ball was among the Glamorgan men he slung out both feet and clutched it from them. Hence the success of the Wallabies in heeling. Naturally, the question occurs to one, "What would happen to the Australian hooker if the scrum were to collapse?" It can be left to the imagination.

At the same time, if they are to be allowed to go on getting the ball in every game as they did on Wednesday, then where is the side that is going to whack them?

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"WALLABIES" AT PONTYPRIDD

Benefit Match for the Golf Club.

There was a splendid crowd on the Ynysynglad Grounds, Pontypridd, on Monday afternoon, when a benefit match was played in aid of the Golf Club by H. B. Winfield's Team v. Pontypridd and District. Additional interest was centred in the game as no less than seven of the Australian tourists turned out for the side organised by Mr. Winfield. The Australians appearing were Dix, A. J. McGabe, H. Daly, Stevenson, McIntyre, Craig, and P. E. Booth, a member of the famous "All Blacks," who toured in 1905. Other well-known players who appeared on the same side included Toft, Fred Lewis, Ivor Morgan, and Port Tennant Davies, Swansea, and Hodges, Newport.

There was prolific scoring, and the Australians—some of whom were out for practice—scored largely in the point making. The score was opened by the Pontypridd and District team, Moore, Treorkey, getting over from a lineout. Then came a series of passing bouts and McGabe equalised. E. E. Booth, who performed excellently at centre, his tackling, strong running, and kicking being features, added the next try after taking a low pass. McGabe and McIntyre gained tries, which Toft converted.

On the change of ends McIntyre again got over, and then Powell, the Cardiff forward, secured a try from a rush. The titbit of the match was when Dix darted through at top pace, and then McGabe sent to Fred Lewis, who crossed. Daly next added a trio of points, which closed the scoring sheet of the Wallabies. Splendid forward play enabled Pontypridd to penetrate the defence, and Powell (Cardiff) and Griffiths (Pontypridd) notched tries.

Winfield's Team	Final Score—	G. T. P.
Pontypridd and District	3 4 21	1 3 14

WALLABIES AT NEATH.

COMBINED TEAM MAKE A STERN FIGHT.

ALLEGED ROUGH PLAY BY COLONIALS.

The Wallabies played their sixth match on tour at Neath, when they met the combined teams of Neath and Aberavon. They were received at the Castle Hotel by the mayor, who welcomed them on behalf of the burgesses of the ancient borough. Dr. Thomas made a sportsmanlike speech, stating that although he regarded the result as a foregone conclusion, yet he was not quite without hope that the combined teams of Neath and Aberavon would give the visitors a very good game. In conclusion, he expressed the desire that the better side might win.

Mr. M'Mahon, the manager of the Australian team, thanked the mayor for his courteous welcome, and Captain Moran also added a few words.

There were about 8,000 people on the ground when play commenced. The Wallabies gave their famous war song, which was received with much applause and amusement. Teams:

WALLABIES.

Back:—

P. Carmichael.

Three-quarter backs:—

D. Carroll,

J. Hickey,

W. Dix, and

C. Russell.

Half-backs:—

C. M'Kivatt and

J. Woods.

Forwards:—

J. Barnett,

T. Griffin,

M. McIntyre,

S. Middleton,

Dr. Moran,

N. E. Row,

P. M'Cue, and

T. Richards.

THE NEATH-ABERAVON TEAM:

Back:

Dick Hughes (Neath).

Three-quarter backs:—

Frank Rees (Neath),

Arthur James (Aberavon),

Willie Thomas (Aberavon), and

J. D. D. Davies (Neath).

Half-backs:—

"Shon" Evans (Neath), and

Alby Davies (Aberavon).

Forwards:—

W. Jones (Aberavon),

D. H. Davies (Neath),

George Vickery (Aberavon),

W. Sandham (Neath),

Will James (Aberavon),

Tom Thomas (Neath), and

W. J. Davies (Aberavon).

T. C. Lloyd (Neath).

Referee, Mr. E. A. Johns (Swansea).

THE GAME.

The combined team won the toss, and had the wind advantage in the first half. Middleton kicked off, and from the first scrum the home side got away, but the passing went wrong, and ground was lost. The Australians had a fine chance on the right, but Dix was pushed into touch, and Will Jones, of Aberavon, then headed a fine rush to the centre. Playing a strenuous game, the Australians forced the pace, and Dix made a determined burst for the line, but the effort failed. The combined side were showing up far more creditably than was expected, their tackling and following-up being absolutely great. D. H. Davies was leading the forwards in spirited style, and the home "ups" were giving the Australians a really warm time. Shon Evans, at inside half, was performing excellently. Presently the visitors became dangerous, and Sandham and Dick Hughes were prominent in fine recovery work. Really, the performance of the home side was surprising. D. H. Davies, the leader of the forwards, retired hurt, after which it seemed likely that the Australians would win. Then came a fine burst by Hickey, who went through the opposing forwards, this run being followed by beautiful passing, which resulted in Dr. Moran securing a brilliant try, which Carmichael converted. The Australians continued to attack, and D. B. Carroll scored after a brilliant round of passing. Carmichael again converted.

	Half-time score.	G.	T.	P'ts.
Wallabies	2	0	10
Neath and Aberavon	0	0	0

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THE WALLABIES.

Record Crowd at Neath.

A SPIRITED GAME.

WELSHMEN'S GALLANT STAND.

Wallabies Do All the Scoring and Win by 15 Points.

ARE THE TOURISTS SPORTING?

Allegations of Rough Play: D. H. Davies has Ribs Broken.

The Wallabies on Thursday visited Neath, there to engage a combined XV. representing the full strength of the Aberavon and Neath clubs. A big crowd assembled at the railway station to give a welcome to the Australians, and at the Castle Hotel they were accorded a more formal but no less hearty reception by Dr. J. W. Thomas, Mayor of the borough.

This is the third match of the Wallabies in Wales, and the sixth of their tour.

After the experience against Pen-y-graig on Saturday last the tourists' manager resolved that it was unwise to make experiments with unseasoned players against a Welsh club, and the team as selected for Neath was exactly that which defeated Glamorgan County. However, Bede-Smith, centre three-quarter, and Hammond, of Sydney University, who deputises Griffin as centre swinging hooker, were both slightly injured at Pen-y-graig, and their places were taken by W. Dix, who usually plays full-back, and McIntyre, the latter playing forward.

There was expectation the crowd would prove the largest that had ever assembled for a football match at Neath, but unfortunately rain threatened. The ground was in good condition, the grass being on the long side. The referee was Mr. Edgar Johns, of Swansea, the latest recruit to the membership of the W.F.U. The teams lined up as follow:—

Australia.—Back, P. Carmichael; three-quarter backs, D. Carroll, Dix, J. Hickey and C. Russell; half-backs, F. Woods and C. M'Kivatt; forwards, Dr. Moran (captain), J. T. Barnett, T. Griffin, P. M'Cue, S. E. Middleton, N. E. Row, T. Richards and McIntyre.

Neath and Aberavon.—Back, Dick Hughes (Neath); three-quarter backs, J. D. Davies (Neath), F. Rees (Neath), A. James (Aberavon), and Willie Thomas (Aberavon); half-backs, "Shon" Evans (Neath), and Alby Davies (Aberavon); forwards, D. H. Davies, T. Thomas, W. Sandham, T. C. Lloyd (Neath), W. Jones, G. Vickery, W. James, and W. J. Davies (Aberavon).

The crowd was easily of record proportions for the "Gnoll," where the previous best gate was for the Swansea v. Neath match last season, when £200 was taken. Just before the kick-off the spectators numbered three to one as compared with the assemblage at Mid-Rhondda for the Pen-y-graig game. Several light showers fell, and the prospect of finishing a full-time game in reasonable light seemed remote, but when the teams fielded the sun came out, and the appearance of the rainbow was received with cheers.

A novel sight was presented, for scores of people outlined the field, taking up sitting positions on the top of the barricade and the wall that bounds three-parts of the ground. It looked like an international—just what football enthusiasts would like always to see, for the combined team wore the Neath jersey, which resembles the uniform of the famous New Zealand "All Blacks," the difference being that the Welshmen had a Maltese cross in white on the breast instead of a silver fern.

For the first quarter of an hour the Welshmen played a great game forward. They were the better side. They heeded cleanly and worked splendidly in the loose.

After 20 minutes' play D. H. Davies, who had been playing brilliantly, though a veteran, was hurt and retired. Exactly half an hour had gone by when Hickey fielded after a missed pass by M'Kivatt, and made an electrifying run from halfway. About 15 yards from the goal-line he passed to Middleton, and after ten yards

The Australians were hooted for rough play in the second half. Will Jones, of Aberavon, was knocked out when the ball was twenty yards away. D. H. Davies, of Neath, an old international, sustained a broken rib; but although a man short the Welshmen had the better of the play. The Wallabies attacked at the close, but the defence of Hughes was superb, but Carroll eventually pierced it, Carmichael converting.

	Final score:	G.	T.	P'ts.
Wallabies	3	0	15
Neath and Aberavon	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

Although the game from a football standpoint was perhaps disappointing, yet the match was productive of good results. In the first place, both teams will benefit materially from a financial point of view (for there must have been nearly 10,000 people on the ground), and, in the second, the Glamorgan County committee can hardly now fail to recognise the prominent men of both Neath and Aberavon. As a matter of fact, the losing side were a great deal better than the score would indicate, and certainly the visitors had a rare handful to deal with. Really, it would not be saying too much to suggest that if the combined sides had had the advantage of practising together the issue would have been much closer than was actually the case. The play of the Wallabies was disappointing. Maybe it was so because most people were expecting too much, and it may also be that the combined sides were really better than we had deemed them to be. But, be that as it may, we witnessed a ding-dong game, in the course of which much cleverness was shown by the visitors, and a great deal of pluck and determination exhibited by the home side. The latter were handicapped by the loss of D. H. Davies, who was the leader of the forwards, and who met with an accident before half-time. Yet the seven forwards played up with great determination, and the Wallaby eight had all their work out out to beat the home seven.

Where the Wallabies were superior was in the quick seizure of every opportunity which came their way, and the manner in which they backed each other up. Where there was one Wallaby there were others. It was in this particular that the combined sides were lacking, and, of course, this must be attributed to the want of cohesion—a want that can only be supplied by studied and regular practice. Among the spectators the general opinion was that the visitors are not the equals of either the All Blacks or the Springboks, and it was prophesied that the return visit of the Wallabies in December will be disastrous to them. Teams like Cardiff, Newport, and Swansea, which possess individual cleverness as well as solidity and combination, will probably beat them; while there should be little doubt about Wales winning a substantial victory. The Wallabies on Thursday played a hard game, with, perhaps, on occasions a little too much vigour imparted. Woods (the possum) played a marvellous game at half, while Carroll and Hickey were the stars in the third line. All the forwards were good, but they had none the better of the argument in

heeling out, in which department they were not the equals of either the Springboks or the New Zealanders.

Carmichael was great at full-back, but Dick Hughes, the Neath lad, did not compare at all unfavourably with him. In fact the little "un covered himself with glory. The home forwards played a really fine game. At half "Shon" Evans performed very creditably behind the scrum, and he and Alby Davies hit it off very well together. Both men tackled with a resoluteness which could not be surpassed. In the third line Frank Rees and Willie Thomas were certainly the best. Arthur James and J. D. Davies were but moderate. To sum up, the combined sides were by no means disgraced, although they were beaten.

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Alleged Savage Play.

There were frequent protestations from the crowd about rough play, and one heard cries of brutality, and many were the shouts to the referee to turn off No. 14, who was Row, one of the wing forwards. These cries were not justified as against Row. His play at Neath was absolutely fair so far as wilful obstruction goes. His position as break-away forward was legitimate, but now and again he over-ran the ball, and his tackling, as one would expect from a big strong man, was heavy, while his habit of diving for his man appears recklessly wild. Weight and strength combined are put on the field for the purpose of using them for the benefit of the luck fortunate enough to command them, and when they are used with due regard to the rules the lighter side has nothing to complain about. The fact is that Row has gained a bad name from an incident at Cardiff, and his position on the field, though it is obviously fair, is in itself obnoxious to people who like to see skill triumph against odds in physique. Being a "marked" man Row was keenly watched with pre-conceived notions operating with many of the spectators that he was a deliberate fouler. Soon every case of a home man being knocked out was construed by a big section of the crowd into unduly rough or not brutal play by the Australians. Hence the demonstrations against the referee.

It is true that after the game had been in progress for 20 minutes or so and W. H. Davies went off the field with broken ribs the crowd concluded that every tackle which left a home man on the ground was illegitimate use of strength. This sort of thing affected the players, and as the game waned there was introduced into the play roughing that otherwise would not have been seen. At some states it was six of one and half a dozen of the others. Both sides bear marks of the fray, and if the lighter backs of the home side suffered most from perfectly fair tackles by comparative giants one of the Australians has marks on his hand that look suspiciously like a bite, as he alleges it to be. Blows were struck—a discredit to the strikers—but I cannot credit that Dix was bitten, and am inclined to think his hand was trodden on by a sharply studded boot in a melee. The referee states he saw no incident which gave him warrant to send anyone off the field.

Welshmen's Plucky Stand.

The two boroughs' teams were beaten by 15 points, every one of which was well deserved. Still, the beaten side merit praise for their plucky contest. With their fifteen men playing all through the game they would have been working under a severe handicap, inasmuch as they were outweighed in all departments, and outpaced in the back division while their combination was necessarily prejudiced by the fact that the fifteen represented two clubs. Especially after they lost the leader of their forwards do they demand commendation. Had Davies been able to play out the game it is possible that the home forwards would have been the superior stayers in the closing stages. As it was the local combination played heroically, and that they actually attacked for a considerable period was a tribute to their stamina, while the fact that the Australians only scored once after half-time, and not at all when they were equal in number, speaks for itself.

It would be unfair to individualise among the forwards. All the men, little and big played their very hardest, and if Davies who while he was on the field, was the most resourceful, veteran as he is, and if Jones Sandham, and Vickery came more often into the public eye, Lloyd and his colleague simply lacked that opportunity. The back were plucky to a man. It was a treat to see them go down to the ball before the leviathan Australian forwards, and every one of them knew where the touch-line was. A special word is due to two of them. Hughes, as custodian, was thorough success, and the way he took the ball "on the full" and gathered it when it was rolling, was a feature of the game. The other man was "Shon" Evans, whose work at the rear of the scrum was unusually clever and who tackled anything that came his way with rare pluck.

A Brilliant Bristol Wallaby.

Richards was the most conspicuous of the Australian forwards, his game being characterised by positive brilliancy. It does not seem to be generally known that this is the Richards who played for Bristol a couple of seasons back, and distinguishing himself in a Cardiff game. Dr Moran, like Richards, seemed always to anticipate the course of the play, and was usually found wherever he could be of service. McKivatt, the five-eighths, was not a great player on the day. He too often allowed himself to be caught with the ball after it had been splendidly given him by Woods, and he missed several passes such as would have been snapped up by fast opponents. Woods, who still seems to carry more weight than is profitable, played a better game than he did against Glamorgan, and several times opened up play by unorthodox but highly skilled methods.

The success of the three-quarter line was Hickey, whose run, before Dr. Moran scored, was the best of the match. Towards the end, however, Hickey lost one certain try by endeavouring to cut in himself when he had two men on his right with only one opponent between them and the goal-line. Dix, his fellow-centre, played a sound if not a brilliant game, and was the best man in the line to go down on the ball, while his catching from a high punt with the wind altering the flight of the ball, and his quick pass to Carroll meant a try for his side. Of the wings Carroll was the better. He seemed faster than Russell on the right, and made better use of his chances. The "Boxer," who scored three tries against Glamorgan, was not allowed to get into his stride, though he claims to have scored a fair try in the closing stages of the game.

Carmichael, the full-back, made no serious mistake, and his play was distinguished by better fielding of the rolling ball, and he was quicker in recovering than when playing against Glamorgan, while he did not repeat his fault on that occasion of punting too hard and of exhausting himself in futile running up.

Went by Pace and Weight.

Of back play after the best Welsh standard there was none and the success of the Australians in this match was due more to their greater pace, weight, and strength than to skill in the passing game. However, they will be a very difficult side for the best of our teams to beat, for while, as Dr. Moran put it, after the match at Neath, "we may not be angels," they know how to take the full benefit of their weight, high average speed, and stamina, though they cannot justly be described as other than a sporting side. After the match a disorderly demonstration was made against the referee, and it was a fortunate circumstance that the police were in sufficient force to get around the official and to escort him to safety.

The "Gate."

The gate receipts exceed £350.

D. H. Davies's Injury.

The injuries to D. H. Davies are not so serious as at first thought. His ribs are badly strained, none being broken.

and Griffen had handled the ball went to Dr. Moran, who scored a sensational try. Carmichael converting. Splendid play by Willie Thomas and good passing sent the spectators yelling with delight. There was every chance of playing becoming unduly rough when Carroll intercepted a pass and ran in sick behind the goal, Carmichael again goaling.

Half-time Score—

Wallabies	G. T. P.
Neath and Aberavon	2 0 10
	0 0 0

Soon after the interval a Welshman was knocked out, and the crowd raised loud protests, believing that a deliberately-given blow had caused the injury. Soon afterwards Hughes, the full-back, was wounded, and again the crowd called to the referee to send an Australian forward off the field. The home side played courageously considering they were a man short, and another score did not come until 10 minutes from the end, when Dix fielded finely from a high punt and passed to side, despite being a man short—D. H. Davies could not resume—had ribs, and of several times come within an ace of scoring. It was well towards the close before the Australians made their third and last score. This came cross-punt put in by Richards, a marvellous field by Dix, who took the ball over his head, and a quick pass to Carroll, who darted over without a man touching him.

Final Score—

Australians	G. T. P.
Neath and Aberavon	3 0 15
	0 0 0

NOTES BY "OLD STAGER."**The Lesson of the Game.**

This match has demonstrated that against forwards of average strength and skill, with every man utilising his weight and pushing power, the mechanical tricks of the Australians to gain control of the ball in tight scrummages cannot prevail; and further that a resolute octette using their force on intelligent lines can assert a mastery so far as clean heeling is concerned. Consider this Wallaby patent device. They pack with three men in front, the two outside men of the first rank practically keeping Griffen, their champion hooker, off the ground, so that he may swing his legs when grappling for the ball. This means that the whole strength of the two outside men cannot be brought into play. And beyond that loss there are two wing forwards, one on each side, who both are seldom in position to exert their force in a straight line. This formation must necessarily reduce the aggregate strength of the pack in a considerable degree, and to make it an effective formation its component parts must be men of phenomenal strength if they hope to secure the ball against forwards once the opposition men have realised the way to circumvent the ingenious manoeuvring. It is only signally successful when it is adopted against blind go-ahead players, and cannot be of advantage when opponents grasp the situation that eight forwards even of mediocre merit can push off the ball six men, unless the half-dozen are of extraordinary quality in strength and skill. The novelty of the formation should not be permitted to affect the play of opponents, and in attempts to follow the same style is disaster.

In the Glamorgan match there was divided opinion among the Welshmen's front rank, and in the feeble efforts to get a "loose head" without skilled leadership, an elementary principle in forward play was not generally adopted, the sorry spectacle being seen of a rattling scrummager who wanted to push hard and straight being directed to skirmish on the wings of the scrum— a role for which he was ill-adapted. But in the game at Pen-y-graig the Wallabies did not secure the ball when they chose, for the sturdy yet nimble collier boys worked with a unanimous will in the hard scrums and found it not nearly so difficult to heel out the ball as they have done when playing against some of their own League clubs. Griffen, who is said to have no equal as a hooker, was not among the Wallabies at Mid-Rhondda, but Hammond, the man who plays mid-front-ranker for Sydney University, was. The changes in the forwards did not account for the comparative failure, as there was a great preponderance of weight and physical strength in favour of the Australians, neither do I believe that the reason why Pen-y-graig got the ball so often was because of a looseness in refereeing, which allowed the inside half to throw the ball before the feet of the second rank of his own forwards.

Effective Counter Move.

The match at Neath confirms me in my impression that even a moderate set of forwards determined to push as well as hook will defeat the clever tactics of the tourists. Individually there are several splendid forwards among the Wallabies, but there is not one of exceptional merit yet played in Wales excepting Richards who is a resourceful player, and worthy of inclusion in the best side that ever was. Before the amalgamated Neath and Aberavon men went on the field they seemed to have reasoned out a plan of campaign, and carrying it out the forwards were as one man. Until their leader, D. H. Davies, was hurt and forced to retire with only a third of the game gone by they fairly and squarely out-scrummaged their much heavier opponents, and even when reduced to seven they frequently secured the ball; in fact, they did more heeling in any quarter hour of the game than Glamorgan County were able to do all through. The method which served Neath and Aberavon so well should be followed from the very start of the game by Llanelly on Saturday. Like the backs out at Neath the Llanelly Club men are light as a lot, and not over clever, but they are courageous, and even if the backs do not score the heeling to them puts them on the attack, and it limits the chances of scoring for the Wallabies. At Neath there was little combination among the backs, as the team was drawn from two clubs, but with the opportunities won by the forwards an ordinary club side with knowledge of each other's play should have broken down the defence.

NEATH v ABERAVON.

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*THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

6th MATCH—v. NEATH AND ABERAVON.

WELSHMEN BEATEN POINTLESS.

A joint team of eight Neath and seven Aberavon players met the "Wallabies" at Neath yesterday. The players had a tremendously enthusiastic reception from about eight thousand people. The Welshmen put up an extremely good fight in the first half until Davies, their leading forward, had to retire with a broken rib. After this the Colonials pressed, and Morgan scored, for Carmichael to convert. Carroll followed with another try, which was also converted, and at half-time the "Wallabies" led by two goals (10 points) to nil. In the second half the Welshmen, playing fourteen men, were pretty roughly handled, but they played a plucky game. For the greater part of the time they had rather the better of the play, but they failed to keep Carroll out, and another goal resulting the final score read: Australians, 3 goals (15 points); Neath and Aberavon, nil. Teams:

Australia: P. Carmichael (back), Cruse, J. Hickey, W. Dix, and D. B. Carroll (three-quarter backs), McKivatt (five-eighth), F. Woods (half-back), J. T. Barnett, T. Griffin, E. McIntyre, S. Middleton, P. McGee, T. Richards, L. E. Row, and H. M. Moran (capt.) (forwards).

Neath and Aberavon: D. Hughes (Neath) (back), J. D. Davies (Neath), Frank Rees (Neath), Arthur James (Aberavon), and Willie Thomas (Aberavon) (three-quarter backs), Shon Evans (Neath) and Alby Davies (Aberavon) (half-backs), D. H. Davies (Neath), Will Jones (Aberavon), T. C. Lloyd (Neath), Geo. Vickery (Aberavon), W. Sandham (Neath), W. J. James (Aberavon), Tom Thomas (Neath), and W. J. Davies (Aberavon) (forwards).

A WALLABY WINGER.



N. E. Row, whose excessive zeal as winger in the Glamorgan match drew loud disapproval from the stands. It is to be hoped that there will not be "N. E. Row" from this cause in the future.

*LONDON v. AUSTRALIANS.

The following team was chosen yesterday to represent London against the Australians at Richmond on October 24:

LONDON.

G. H. D'O. Lyon (United Services) (back), D. Lambert (Harlequins), W. N. Lapage (United Services), W. C. Wilson (Richmond), and H. T. Lewis (Harlequins) (three-quarter backs), A. S. Heale (London Hospital) and H. J. Sibree (Harlequins) (half-backs), E. McEwan (London Hospital), J. Mehaffey (London Hospital), G. M. Chapman (London Hospital), A. E. Evans (St. Bart's Hospital), H. Archer (Guy's Hospital), J. G. Russell (Harlequins), G. R. Hind (Guy's Hospital), and J. M. Weddell (St. Bart's Hospital) (forwards).

*MONMOUTHSHIRE v. AUSTRALIANS.

At Pontypool on Monday next, the 19th inst., the following will represent

Monmouth: W. Haley (Pill H.) (back), J. H. Evans and J. P. Jones (Pontypool), W. Bowen (Abertillery), and Melville Baker (Newport) (three-quarter backs), T. H. Vile (Newport) and W. J. Martin (Newport) (half-backs), George Travers (Pill H.), O. M. Pritchard (Newport), J. Webb (Abertillery), Rees Thomas (Pontypool), Ernie Jenkins (Newport), Enoch Hughes (Tredegar), P. Waller (Newport), and T. Smythe (Newport) (forwards).



THE WALLABIES' MASCOT.

CAPTAIN MCMACHON, the courteous manager of the Wallabies, is an officer in the New South Wales Lanciers. He is a partner in a big carrying agents' business founded by his father.

WALLABIES WHACKED

"Sospan Fach's" Triumph

FIERCE GAME.

Desperate Tackling.

REFEREE CAUTIONS PLAYERS

BY "FORWARD"

Down at Llanelly to-day the weather was simply tropical, and altogether unsuitable for such a keen, strenuous game as that anticipated between Llanelly and the Wallabies on the Stradey Park ground.

It was unfortunate from a financial standpoint that the Cardiff v. Swansea match at St. Helen's should have clashed with this important fixture, but the crowd was of such dimensions that about half an hour before the time for kicking off it seemed impossible for a dozen more people to gain a favourable point of vantage, and the attendance, if not a record one, was certainly one of the largest seen on Stradey in recent years.

The Wallabies travelled down to Llanelly by an early train, and found it necessary to make on change in their team by placing Dix in the centre instead of Bede-Smith, who was suffering from a slight injury.

Llanelly fielded their full side as originally selected.

The ground was in a perfect state, except that the grass in some places was too long. In honour of the occasion the goalposts were

DECORATED WITH SAUSEPANS, and every committeeman wore a sausepan as a badge in his coat collar, ornamented with a little red ribbon.

It is unnecessary to say that the visit of the Wallabies created great commotion in the town of tin-platers, and the supporters of Llanelly made no secret of their confidence in the ability of their men to put up the stiffest game the Wallabies have yet had to contend with on their tour, while there were some enthusiastic souls who were sanguine enough to believe that Llanelly would win.

Several of the Llanelly players had the advantage of seeing the Wallabies play at Neath on Thursday, and the whole team entered the arena.

Such was the pressure of the spectators that some of the youngsters and more agile enthusiasts climbed up some of the high trees surrounding the ground and thus commanded a clear, uninterrupted view of the battle royal. Teams:—

Llanelly: Back, Harry Morgan; three-quarter backs, the Rev. T. Williams, Harvey Thomas, Willie Thomas, and Handell Richards; half-backs, W. Arnold and D. Lloyd; forwards, Tom Evans (captain), J. Watts, W. J. Thomas, A. Stacey, J. Auckland, Isaac Lewis, D. L. Bowen, and W. Cole.

Australians: Back, Carmichael; three-quarter backs, G. Curran, J. Hickey, W. Dix, and C. Russell; half-backs, D. McKivort and J. Wood; forwards, J. Barnett, G. Griffin, M. Intyre, S. Middleton, W. Moran, N. E. Row, T. M. Pugh, and T. Richards.

Referee: Mr. H. J. Taylor, Cardiff.

Special flags had to be ordered for the touch-line, the judges emblazoned with the Red Dragon in a white setting, and the inevitable "sospan" in each of the four corners. The Wallabies were the first to take the field at 3.20, and treated the Llanelly men with a war cry as they entered the enclosure a minute later.

THE GAME.

Tom Evans kicked off for Llanelly, and some exchanges were indulged in. From the scrum Llanelly heeled out the ball to Willie Arnold, but his pass was lost and also some ground.

In the next scrum the Wallabies had their legs up and were penalised. Harry Morgan kicked to Carmichael, who replied with a wick which found touch near the region line again.

After breaking up the next scrum, the Llanelly forwards dribbled down to the Wallabies' line in magnificent style, and the plucky Dicky, throwing himself on the line, prevented a score.

From the next scrum Lloyd secured, and passed off to Arnold, who threw a lovely pass to Richards, and the fleet-footed Ammanford man went across with a perfect try, which was not converted.

This initial success was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm and cheering for some time. From the kick out by Carmichael play settled down half way, and the ball was then heeled out to Wood, who found touch without gaining much ground. Some scrappy work between the two packs necessitated the referee intervening and cautioning the players, saying "He did not want any nonsense in the game." The Wallabies were penalised twice in quick succession for off-side play by Woods and Roe. Good kicking by Harry Morgan gained some ground. The Llanelly forwards were gaining possession of the ball frequently in the scrum, but the backs did not gain much ground by their passing. Lloyd was caught putting the ball in unfairly, and got his side penalised, but no ground was gained or lost by the free kick. Play was in the Wallabies' 23 when the ball was whipped out to Carroll, who washed off at surprising speed, and, after running half the length of the field, scored a magnificent try. A free kick was given to the Wallabies for off-side play by Arnold. The Llanelly men were making the frequent mistake of kicking into the open instead of finding touch. The Llanelly forwards were showing great cleverness in securing the ball from the scrum, but Arnold kicked right into the hands of Carmichael, who found touch. Llanelly kept the Wallabies in their own quarter, and Lloyd, passing forward, robbed Llanelly of a probable score. From a scrum five yards out Llanelly secured the ball and tried to break through, but they were firmly held by a couple of the opposing forwards, and the visitor gained relief at last by kicking into touch.

From Arnold's pass Tom Lloyd just missed dropping a goal. The Llanelly forward were playing in great style, and were clear the masters, especially in having control of the scrum. It was only the weakness of the home back division which deprived Llanelly of a couple of tries. Llanelly were given a free, and the ball placed for Tom Williams, who missed. The

WALLABIES WERE HOOTED

for some unfair tactics, and the referee had to caution some of the players. Tom Evans here scored a try, and Harry Morgan converted, amid a scene of the wildest enthusiasm. On the kick-out the ball was called back. Harvey Thomas made a gallant attempt to cross, but was unfortunate to stumble when he had a clear field, and only a few feet to go.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Llanelly 1 1 8
Wallabies 0 1 3

Rowe re-started for the Wallabies in the second half, and Harry Morgan, failing to make a clear catch, a scrum was ordered to yards from the Llanelly line. Woods tried to pass out but Dai Lloyd frustrated the effort. The Llanelly forwards broke up quickly, and carried play to the centre. Some indifferent handling by the Llanelly backs allowed the Wallabies to return to the Llanelly 23, where several scrums were fought out.

The ball was, unfortunately, passed out to Russell, the right wing, who kicked forward. After some scrappy play, which was of practically no interest to the spectators, except that it kept the excitement at fever heat, the game ended with no further score amid a scene of enthusiasm absolutely without parallel in the history of the Llanelly Club.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Llanelly 1 1 8
Wallabies 0 1 3

"FORWARD'S" COMMENTS

In their opposition Llanelly brought out the great surprise of the season, and one can imagine the news of their victory ringing through and through the football world to-night. Llanelly won absolutely on their merits, and whatever disappointment may mingle with the local rejoicing, there is no disputing the fact that the Wallabies to-day were opposed to a better team, and, like good sportsmen, they will find consolation, at any rate, in that fact.

One cannot help feeling an instinctive sympathy with the Colonials in having met their Waterloo at such an early stage of their tour, and there is no knowing what moral effect the result will exercise on their play in future matches. For the first time the Wallabian forwards met their masters in every department of play except that in the line out, where the two packs were very even.

The scrimmaging of the home forwards was really magnificent, and commanded unstinted admiration.

They gave a demonstration of the fact that the Australian players, clever though they undoubtedly are in footing and heeling, can be beaten at their own game by a pack of skilled and resolute forwards.

The solid, scientific passing of the Llanelly eight, and their unerring deftness in securing the ball enabled them to heel put to their half-backs in three out of every five scrums, and the ball came out quickly and cleanly.

Then, again, some of the rushes of the Llanelly forwards were of that irresistible order which one usually associates with a pack of Irish forwards at their best.

Time and again they swept down the field in solid formation at terrific pace, only to be stopped within half a dozen yards of the line.

Tom Evans, who led them in great style, played the game of his life, and his try from the line-out, from which the goal was kicked, was the winning point of the match.

For three-quarters of the game Llanelly were attacking, and had the backs been a little more confident of their powers they might easily have added to the score.

Under the circumstances, however, they played the right game in not taking any

risks, for there was always the danger of the attack being intercepted by the wily Wallabies.

They frequently gave a lot of ground away, especially in the first half, by kicking into the open instead of finding the touch-line.

But in the second half they played so well together as to give the Wallabies but little chance of scoring and playing their game.

Their tackling was the very essence of pluck and determination, not a single man sparing himself or showing a sign of fear or hesitation in going for the man with the ball, and bringing him down to Mother Earth.

There were times when play bordered on roughness, and there were some unpleasant little incidents.

In this connection the highest praise is due to the referee, Mr. Bert Taylor, for the faster way in which he controlled the game and saved it from degenerating into a discreditable scramble.

Both teams gave the clearest evidence of having been trained to the hour, and there was scarcely a moment throughout the game when the keenness of the pace was slackened.

It was obvious after Llanelly had scored their second try and it had been converted that the Colonials had become somewhat disheartened, and the play suffered in consequence, becoming ragged and devoid of method and precision.

Not a single passing bout worthy of the name was brought out by the Wallabies from beginning to end, and their play in this direction was disappointing to a degree.

All the passing movements that possessed any of the merit of prettiness was brought off by the Llanelly backs, and, as I have said, had they put a little more trust in their own powers, they might have pierced the defence on more than two occasions.



COME TO GRIEF.

YOUNG WALLABY: OH, LOR! I'VE BROKE ME EGGS.

THE VICTORIOUS WALLABIES



Manager McMahon

Concerning the
Happy Band
of Sportsmen
who are

Carrying all
Before Them
on the
Football Field.



Capt. Moran



HE Wallabies, the Australian Rugby team now touring in England and Wales, have quickly proved themselves worthy successors of those two other famous bands of tourists, the All Blacks of New Zealand and the Springboks of South Africa. So far they have played six matches, and won them all with comfortable ease.

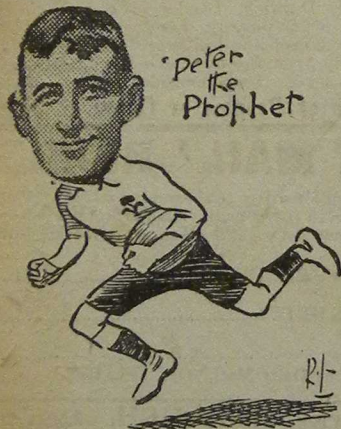
There was some little difficulty at first in deciding by what name these latest Rugby visitors to our shores should be handed down to posterity. The obvious name was "Kangaroos," but a Northern Union professional Rugby team from Aus-

Newton Abbot to Plymouth in a small wooden box, and was photographed slung round the neck of one of the team, but after that he quietly faded away as though he had seen the historic Boojum.

In this first match, too, Peter Burge, one of the best forwards in the team, broke his leg. "Emu," as he is nicknamed on account of his stature and method of dribbling the ball, is one of the greatest forwards in Australia, and since 1905 has taken part in every important international and inter-State match in the Commonwealth.

A CATALOGUE OF TROUBLE.

Touch-judging is generally considered a harmless recreation for old gentlemen, yet in the Cornish match Flanagan ("Peter the Prophet"), a hefty great forward, had his leg broken while merely waving the flag on the line, one of his fellow-tourists having been thrown against him with



Peter the Prophet

tralia had already annexed this title. At a banquet given to the tourists before they started "Rabbits" was suggested as a possible name, but this was quite tabooed by the players themselves, who looked on it as a term of contempt. Finally the list of possible names was cut down to three—"Wallabies," the name of a small species of kangaroo; "Waratahs," a red flower peculiar to New South Wales; and "Wallaroos." At a meeting called by Captain McMahon, the manager of the team, it was decided to christen the team "Wallabies," as this title would embrace all the players, some of whom did not hail from New South Wales.

THE ILL-FATED MASCOT.

In spite of the fact that the Wallabies have so far won all their engagements, ill-luck has dogged their footsteps relentlessly. In the first place, "Bertie," the carpet snake, the mascot of the team, "tuk sick and died," like Tam Pearce's auld mare, just before the Devon match, the first of the tour. "Bertie" had been brought over by Craig, one of the forwards, and had been smuggled into England wrapped round Richards' body. He travelled from



Boneta & Bertie



The Emu

great violence. So already the Wallabies have two men in hospital, their mascot in the grave, while one of the best three-quarters is on the injured list, and Murnin, another of the team, was sent home from Naples owing to illness. What a catalogue

they have one three-quarter who has what might be called a roving commission—i.e., he does not keep in his position throughout the game, but is often dashing about to points of vantage for attack or defence. Mandible is the chief exponent of this particular form of play, but, unfortunately, he too is on the injured list at present.

THE PERFECT ATHLETES.

Already these Wallabies have won golden opinions wherever they have stayed. They are the most unaffected, "unsidy" team of tourists that has ever visited England. And they are thorough sportsmen. They love the game, they play it cleanly and whole-heartedly, and they study it seriously and work out their tactics brainfully. For instance, while on tour the first, second, and third row forwards are room-mates; likewise the halves and three-quarters, consequently they can always discuss their plans together and work out their methods of attack and defence.

The Wallabies, moreover, are certainly the most picturesque team to visit England, and are sure to win golden opinions from the feminine portion of the spectators owing to their artistic turn-out. They wear exceedingly pretty light blue jerseys with the Waratah worked on the left breast, dark blue knickers, and dark blue stockings with light blue tops. In addition to looking smart, the light blue jerseys show off the physique of the Wallabies to great advantage, and without doubt they are a wonderfully fine body of men. In fact, they are perfect athletes, since they look far bigger and more powerful in their tight-fitting jerseys than they do in their ordinary clothes, a true test of well-trained men.

It is impossible to deal with every member of the team in such limited space, but I will deal with a few of the most notable personalities. First and foremost is Manager "Jimmy" McMahon, who rules his little band with a genial smile. He is "Jimmy"

of trouble in the initial stages of the tour!

The loss of these two forwards to the Australian team is very great, for the Wallabies play a special scrum formation arranged 3, 2, 3. Each forward is specially chosen for his ability to play in a certain position in the scrum, and consequently the side is somewhat weakened if a "strange" man is suddenly drafted in. The backs play a game very similar to the English back play, but

to them all, and yet "Jimmy's" word is as promptly obeyed as were the decrees of the Medes and Persians in olden times. Dr. H. M. Moran, the skipper of the team, is a fraud and a deception. He looks pale and delicate—in fact, what sympathetic old



Dannie Carroll

ladies would call "an interesting young man." He certainly is that, but in addition he is as strong as the proverbial ox, and is one of the keenest and most relentless tacklers on the side, and has a grip of iron.

THE WITS AND THE "BABY."

The "baby" of the team is Master "Dannie" Carroll, who, though but nineteen years of age, weighs well over twelve stone! That he does not carry any superfluous fat, in spite of his weight, may be gathered from the fact that he is the fastest three-quarter on the side and scored two tries at Swansea this season which roused the Welshmen to a huge pitch of enthusiasm. The wits of the party are "Boneta" Craig, and poor "Peter the Prophet" Flanagan (now languishing in hospital with a broken leg). These two when practising at Newton Abbot reduced the spectators to the verge of hysterics with their original horseplay and knockabout entertainment. Craig is a magnificent diver and has saved life in Australia, but though discursive on most points he cannot be led to talk of his plucky deed.

Altogether they are a genial and happy band of sportsmen, and though possibly they may not be so successful as their predecessors, the All Blacks and Springboks, for they are encountering sterner opposition, yet they will meet with a cordial reception wherever they go, and will undoubtedly further the interests of one of the games dear to the heart of every Englishman.

BLUEMANTLE.

FADS AND FEEDING

WALLABIES' WATERLOO.

Scarlets' Great Triumph.

HOME RECORD STILL INTACT.

VISITORS WARNED FOR ROUGH PLAY.

Referee's Frequent Cautions.

VAST ENTHUSIASM AT STRADEY

To-day the Wallabies met Llanelly, one of the four leading Welsh teams, at Stradey, a ground associated with games which have become historic. There was a large crowd of spectators, in spite of the Swansea v. Cardiff match, which proved such a great counter attraction. As the visitors had an unbroken record, it was but natural that the Scarlets should covet the honour and distinction of being the first team to beat them this year.

Llanelly's chances of success, which were so hopeless at one time, increased as the time for the kick-off approached, and if courage and determination were qualities which could of themselves secure victory, then it would have been assured for the Scarlets. What was regarded as a forlorn hope a fortnight ago was brought within the realm of possibility if not of probability to-day. The Scarlets—midgets compared with their Herculean opponents—made no secret of the fact that there was to be no half measures. The superior strength of the Australians had no terrors for them, and they entered the arena full of that spirit of conquest which has possessed them when opposed to teams of repute such as Swansea, Cardiff, and Newport. Llanelly have in the past accomplished what was regarded as almost impossible.

They have gained such sensational victories that even though they defeat the Wallabies hundreds of people will say, "Well, I'm not surprised." Llanelly's forwards—two of the number (Tom Evans, captain, and Jim Watts) being Welsh Internationals—are at their best, and this meant that before the Wallabies could hope to demolish the Scarlets their forwards would have to give a magnificent exhibition. Locally there was but little difference of opinion with regard to the composition of the Llanelly pack, but the same cannot be said with regard to the rear division. The teams were:

Llanelly—Back, H. Morgan; three-quarter backs, Richards, Williams, R. V. Thomas, and W. Thomas; half-backs, Lloyd and Arnold; forwards, Evans, Watts, Auckland, Cole, Lewis, Stacey, W. J. Thomas, and D. L. Bowen.
Australia—Back, P. Carmichael; three-quarter backs, D. Carroll, Dix, J. Hickey, and C. Russell; half-backs, F. Woods and C. McKivett; forwards, Dr. Moran (captain), J. T. Barnett, T. Griffin, P. M'Gue, S. E. Middleton, N. E. Row, T. Richards, and McIntyre.

Referee, Mr. H. J. Taylor, Cardiff.
The Wallabies were cordially received at the G.W.R. Station by Captain Brannwell Jones, chairman of the Llanelly Urban District Council, and were accorded a hearty Welsh welcome by a huge crowd when they marched on to the field of play. The Llanelly Town Band played selections of music, and the supporters of the Scarlets wore miniature saucers as badges on their coats, while two large saucers adorned the goalposts at each end of the field. One of the Australians who accompanied the visiting team suggested it would have been appropriate had a kangaroo been placed on one of the goalposts.

The Game.

Ten minutes after the advertised time the teams appeared, the band playing "Sousa's March." The Wallabies, much to the amusement of the crowd, gave their war cry.

Tom Evans started operations for Llanelly with a scorching run in his shoes. McCue gave a feeble kick in return, after which a scramble ended in the ball being sent to touch just inside the visitors' territory. A scrum was formed, and Dai Lloyd's pass was missed by Arnold, which enabled the visitors to carry the ball a yard beyond the centre line.

For off-side play Llanelly were awarded a penalty, from which, however, nothing was gained. Then the first sensational incident of the match occurred. The Scarlets forwards, who were holding their own in the scrum, broke away and went down the field with the ball at their toes, very nearly crossing the line. From the subsequent scrum D. Lloyd passed on to Arnold, who sent the ball to Tom Williams. The latter took it splendidly and then transferred to Richards, who dashed over with a try in the corner amidst deafening cheers. Morgan's kick for goal failed.

In reply to the kick out Arnold sent the ball to touch in mid-field. After this the referee, who observed some rough handling by the Australians, said in a voice that could be heard from the Press box, "Now, I don't want any of this." Play ranged on the equatorial line, and Llanelly were awarded a penalty for infringement of off-side rules by the visitors, Arnold sending the ball to their half. From a subsequent scrum the referee again penalised the visitors for off-side tactics.

Carmichael kicked with plenty of length along the touch line, Harry Morgan making a good reply. Carroll and Dix were responsible for some smart play at mid-field which gained for their side a few yards. Llanelly did not place the ball in the scrum in a proper way and the Australians were awarded their first penalty, but nothing resulted and the home forwards once again made a brilliant rush to the visitors' 25.

Here, however, a most unexpected and sensational score was made by the visitors. David Lloyd received from the scrum and, instead of passing, kicked. The ball was taken by Carroll who made a fine run along the touch line and passed to McKivett who went along with a splendid stride and scored with Harry Morgan hanging on to his leg. The place kick failed.

On the resumption of play the referee once more cautioned Hickey. Thus within 20 minutes of the start the Llanelly score was equalised. The Scarlets brought about one of their characteristic rushes and crossed the line, but a scrum was ordered a couple of yards out. Carmichael relieved the pressure by kicking into touch. For putting the ball into the scrum unfairly Llanelly were penalised, but the Australians did not gain any advantage.

A fine dribble, in which the veteran W. J. Thomas was prominent, took place inside the visitors' 25, and Arnold essayed a drop for goal, but the ball went a few inches wide, and a minor resulted. Shortly afterwards Llanelly were awarded a free. Tom Williams took the kick, but the ball again went wide, and another minor resulted.

Once again Mr Taylor, the referee, deemed it necessary to caution one of the Australians, and the crowd cheered lustily. The Scarlets were continually attacking near the Australians' line, and Tom Evans securing from a line out cleverly got over in the corner with a try which Harry Morgan converted from a most difficult angle amidst a hurricane of cheers. The crowd now sang "Sousa's March" with spirited heartiness, and play was resumed amidst a scene of great enthusiasm.

Inside the Australians' territory the Llanelly backs were set in motion. A kick by Tom Williams was followed up by Harry Morgan, who caught the ball, but was promptly felled. Then T. Richards, an Australian, picked up, and after a good run, found touch.

Half-time Score—	G. T. P.
Llanelly.....	1 1 3
Wallabies.....	0 1 3

Row restarted, and Harry Morgan letting the ball drop a scrum was formed within five yards of the Llanelly line. The home forwards carrying the ball with them dribbled very neatly, and Tom Williams picking up made a run but was tackled at the centre. In the home quarters Woods passed to Russell who knocked on without making any progress. Through not putting the ball properly in the scrum Llanelly were penalised and Carmichael came very near landing a penalty goal for the Australians.

In the melee that ensued Middleton, one of the visitors, and W. A. Thomas, a Llanelly forward, were cautioned by the referee.

Harry Morgan relieved the pressure by a screw kick into touch. It was evident that the visitors were now putting much more energy into their play. Woods again picked the ball out of the scrum, and his side was penalised, Richards returning the kick into touch. Play was now being waged near the centre line.

It appeared in the first ten minutes as though Llanelly were going to get the worst of the argument, but in a few successive scrummages they improved, and it was seen that the Llanelly forwards' staying powers were well maintained, and they were fairly beating their heavier opponents.

After Llanelly had for some time attacked in Australia's territory Dix changed the venue by running along the touch-line till he was tackled by Willie Thomas. The Scarlets returned to the centre, and their forwards rushing their opponents off their feet the ball was smartly picked up, and Handel Richards was only pulled down a yard or so from the line.

The Scarlets backs missed their forwards splendidly by making good use of the touch-line. It seemed as though the Australians were now beaten to the world, for try as they would they could not make much headway. But after a while McKivett looked like brushing aside his opponents, who were collaring too high, but Will Cole eventually brought him down. The visitors rallied somewhat and reached mid-field, only to be repulsed a minute later.

Long lines but were now resorted to, and a couple of the visiting forwards were making violent efforts to force their way through. The defence was too sound, however, and Llanelly soon regained ground. Llanelly again got to the Wallabies' 25, but a flying kick was sent down the field, the Llanelly custodian fielding and sending the ball to touch. Time was then called amidst tremendous cheering.

Final Score—	G. T. P.
LLANELLY.....	1 1 3
WALLABIES.....	0 1 3

COMMENTS.

To Llanelly belongs the honour of being the first team to beat the Australians on their tour in this country. That they well deserved their victory no impartial observer will deny. They had by far the best of the game territorially, especially in the first half; and in the second moiety they more than held their own.

Whether the teams are judged individually or collectively Llanelly was decidedly superior in every department. It is a question whether Llanelly did not deserve to lead by a larger score. They certainly deserved what they got, the first try being the result of very pretty play on the part of the backs. In fact it was the finest movement on the part of the backs in the whole game.

Every pass was freely given and taken, and Richards gambolled over the line in brilliant fashion.

The second try was the outcome of a fine move from the line-out by Tom Evans, the Llanelly captain, who took the ball over the line very cleverly. This is not the first time that the Welsh International forward has scored by this device.

Llanelly won because they accepted the good advice given by "Old Stacer" in to-day's "South Wales Daily News." The "loose head" in the scrum which spoiled the game between them and Swansea last Saturday was conspicuous, by its absence. The forwards packed well and made use of every ounce of weight against their heavier opponents. The result was that for the most part the Scarlets controlled the scrums, and were able to bring off those brilliant rushes which are characteristic of them.

The Llanelly captain adopted the right tactics, and it is to this that the Scarlets owe their victory.

It is somewhat remarkable that there was no score in the second half. Although it was feared that the forwards could not stay the tremendous pace at which they started, they finished up well, and must have been in the pink of condition.

It was evident at the beginning of the second half that the Wallabies were a beaten side. They did not try to open out the game, and in the tight scrums the Scarlets were more than a match for them.

The reason Llanelly did not add to their score in the second half was that, in their over anxiety to win, they decided not to take any risks, and the backs were therefore given no opportunities. Many considered this to be mistaken policy, because on to-day's form the home backs deserved the confidence of the forwards. When they had chances they made good use of them, and they might have added to the score had the ball been sent out to them.

Dai Lloyd behind the scrum worked like a Trojan, and he was more than a match for Woods, who, however, played a very good game. Willie Arnold seems to have returned to his old form. Except that he kicked into the hands of Carmichael for the first ten minutes he played an excellent game, finding touch on almost every occasion.

The home three-quarters were all satisfactory. The only fault to be found with them was that they did not stop the progress of Dix, when he scored for the Australians. Harry Morgan at full-back only made one mistake, and that was when he dropped the ball and a scrum had to be formed in a dangerous spot near the home line. Every other time he kicked with great length and generally found touch.

Of the visiting forwards, Dr. Moran and Richards took our fancy most, whilst Tom Evans, Watts, and W. J. Thomas were conspicuous on the Scarlets' side. The visiting backs did not shine very much, but Dix deserves commendation for the splendid manner in which he scored. Carroll also played a fine game.

The referee is to be congratulated upon keeping the game under such excellent control. Mr Taylor made it understood from the start that he would brook no nonsense, and several times during the game he cautioned the Australians when they adopted undesirable tactics.

FROM THE AUSTRALIAN STANDPOINT.

By Mr E. E. Booth

The unexpected always happens, especially in Rugby football. Starting with the very shape of the ball itself, the bounce is not always the same way. Before the game evidence of a storm fight was noted by the appearance of a saucer on a pole. The eager Welsh crowd vibrated with song and excitement. From the very commencement of the game Llanelly, in their Salvation Army appearance, meant business, the pack being of a very even stamp all through. The first ten minutes was undoubtedly the very hottest entre the Australians have had served up yet. It was mustard and curry. The tackling of the Reds was singular but effective, and a large measure of their success can be attributed to their securing the loose head of the scrumage time after time. The Scarlets gained possession of the ball more often than the Blues, apparently beating out much quicker. The first try was the result of smart passing on the part of the Reds, and was deserving of the successful result.

The Wallabies showed their knowledge of the Welsh cross-kicking, which against a less practised team in this art would not have been more successful. The Blues were evidently surprised and somewhat overwhelmed by the sharp, vigorous, and systematic play of the Reds' rear guard.

The prominent features of the match were the players' determination and willingness. The second Welsh score was an old trick well carried out, and the Australians must watch the danger in future. One of the disturbing features of the game, however, was the continued side kicking of the front row, the ball often having to be put in the scrum three times, the Scarlets being the worst offenders in this particular branch.

The frequent warnings of the referee, although often perhaps unnecessary, restrained the players on both sides, who were quite on their mettle. The fact that no one was seriously hurt demonstrates that the game was not really rough, and the referee's lectures on decorum absorbed a lot of time.

The stamina and condition of the local team were most surprising, and quite the best the Wallabies have encountered so far. The Australians were obviously lighting for the ball mostly in the scrum, and only in the latter stages of the game tried fast open passing. Had they resorted to this sooner they would probably have done better.

However, their backs several times used the line, and resorted to short overhead kicks which really nullified their chances of increasing their score. They encountered a stone-wall defence in the solid full-back, the ball seemingly always going to his arms. Several of the Australian backs neglected to go on the ball to prevent forward rushes of their opponents.

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WALLABIES V. GWENT.**MATCH ABANDONED AT THE LAST MOMENT.****FIELD FLOODED; BIG CROWD AT THE GATES.**

[BY PENDRAGON.]

To the intense disappointment of several thousands of football enthusiasts, the fixture at Pontypool on Monday between Monmouthshire and the Australians had to be abandoned at the very last moment owing to the state of the ground.

Rain commenced to fall at Pontypool on Sunday, and during the night and all through Monday morning it fell in torrents, with the result that the new ground of the local club was in a terrible state in the afternoon.

No arrangement or announcement had been made beforehand, and at 3.30 p.m.—a quarter of an hour before the match was timed to begin—thousands of people were clamouring for admission to the field. However, it had been decided by the Monmouthshire officials that the Australians should be allowed to see the ground before coming to a decision as to whether the game should be played.

Captain M'Mahon, the manager, and Dr. Moran, the captain, and most of the Australian players were conducted to the field immediately on their arrival at Pontypool, and they found it in a really bad state. Unquestionably, if an attempt had been made to bring off the match, the players would have been almost knee deep in mud before the game was ten minutes' old. The field was covered with pools of water, despite the fact that during the morning men had been employed in clearing it away with buckets. As the downpour still continued their efforts were quite ineffectual.

WALLABIES' SPORTSMANSHIP.

The Australians intimated that if pressed they were quite willing to turn out, but it was agreed by both sides that it was very inadvisable and really ridiculous to attempt to play the match under such conditions. Therefore, an abandonment was agreed upon.

At the same time, the willingness of the Australians to turn out was appreciated. Indeed, some of the Wallabies did not hesitate to say that the match should have been played.

It may be stated that the Wallabies, although accustomed to playing on very dry grounds, occasionally experience the opposite conditions, and, in fact, the last match between the recently returned Anglo-Welsh team and New South Wales was played on a terrible ground at Sydney, the players being almost able to swim in the water which lay on the surface.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that the decision to abandon the game on Monday was fortunate for the Pontypool Club, upon whose new ground the match was to have been played. Had the game been played the turf unquestionably would have been spoiled for the season. The failure of the drainage to act seems quite inexplicable.

The most regrettable feature of the affair was the absence of an attempt to come to an arrangement in the morning, because the Monmouthshire officials might easily have communicated by telephone with the Australians at Cardiff, and the manager and the captain thereupon might have travelled by an early train to Pontypool and some arrangement come to whereby an announcement could have been made, and so prevented some of the spectators, at all events, under-taking the expense of travelling to the town where the game was to be played.

ANOTHER FIXTURE PROMISED.

In the evening the two teams dined at the Crown Hotel, Captain A. Butler, president of the county club, presiding. In proposing the health of the visiting team, Captain Butler said that some people might go away with the idea that their visitors had refused to play. They did not do so—they were perfectly willing to play; but the Monmouthshire committee thought the ground to be unfit for the visitors to give them their very best football.

Captain M'Mahon, in responding, said that they had to take into consideration the effect which playing that day would have had on the ground, and that was the reason for the game being abandoned.

Dr. Moran, in responding, said that the Australians would make a very strong effort to appear in Pontypool again shortly. He did not know what date would be selected, but no matter what time it was, they would come back to play. (Loud applause.)

WALLABIES AND THE PEOPLE OF LLANELLY.

Captain M'Mahon, the manager of the Australian football team, writing on behalf of the Colonials to the Llanelly Football Committee, respecting last Saturday's match, says—"I should like to convey to the members of your committee our best thanks for all you did for us. Even in the face of defeat, I feel sure our boys will always remember the people of Llanelly. We thought at first they were hostile, but those thoughts soon vanished when we understood them. We wish your town and the football club every success in the future, and we hope to be your most sincere friends."

THE LLANELLY "GATE."

The "gate" money in connection with the Wallabies match at Llanelly on Saturday realised £271 17s. 6d. The attendance was rather seriously affected on account of the important fixture between Swansea and Cardiff at St. Helen's clash.

AUSTRALIANS' AMATEUR STATUS. ALLEGATION OF PROFESSIONALISM DENIED.

A direct allegation against the status of one of the Australian Rugby Union team is reported to have been made by Mr. J. B. Cooke, president of the Yorkshire Northern Rugby Union. He declared that there was one player who was a member of the amateur team, and who, he believed, had played in every match up to that time, who was a Northern Union player. If the English Union and officials were consistent in their attitude towards the professionals they would look into such cases as that.

When a "Western Mail" representative drew the attention of the Australians' manager, Captain M'Mahon, he did not seem very much concerned.

"I don't want to say anything about it," he remarked, "except to deny it absolutely. Our Union carefully investigated the status of every member of the team before we sailed, and satisfied themselves that everyone was purely amateur. Obviously it would not suit them to go to all the expense of sending a man over here, and then to find that he was not eligible to play."

DISAPPOINTING GAME.

Colonials Win by Only 3 Points.

After their important tour in the West of England and South Wales in which they played seven matches, winning six and losing one, the Australians opposed a strong scratch team of London players—eligible for the English international honours. Richmond was the venue of the game and a large crowd was attracted. With the exception of Wood who is suffering from the "back trouble" which he developed on the field at the Wallabies were fit and well, and took the field apparently all the better for their rest since the Llanelli match. Dr. Moran, the popular captain of the Australians, expressed surprise when informed that the match was regarded as an "English trial," and said he would have preferred to have played a side drawn from London clubs irrespective of nationality. There were famous Scotch players and famous Welsh players in London whom they should like to play against, and hoped in the next turn game with London at Blackheath next month the Australians would meet a really representative London team or the South of England. There were several changes in the London team, Lyon, the Services' full-back, cried off at the last moment, and his place was taken by Lee, of Guy's Hospital. Birkett and Chapman were also unable to play, but good substitutes were found. Teams:—

Australians—Back, P. Carmichael (Queensland); three-quarter backs, C. Russell (N.S.W.), F. Bode (N.S.W.), J. Hickey (N.S.W.), and Smith (N.S.W.); half-backs, P. Woods (N.S.W.), Carroll (N.S.W.); forwards J. T. Barnett (N.S.W.), C. H. McKivatt (N.S.W.), C. A. Hammond (N.S.W.), G. Griffin (N.S.W.), C. A. Hammond (N.S.W.), S. A. Middleton (N.S.W.), P. McCue (N.S.W.), Dr. H. M. Moran (N.S.W.), N. Row (N.S.W.), and T. Richards (N.S.W.). London—Back Lyon (United Services); three-quarter backs, D. Lambert (Harlequins), W. N. Lapage (United Services), W. C. Wilson (Richmond), and H. T. Lewis (Harlequins); half-backs, A. S. Heale (London Hospital) and H. J. Sibree (Harlequins); forwards, B. McEwan (London Hospital), J. Meahaffey (London Hospital), A. D. Warrington-Morris (United Services), A. E. Evans (St. Bartholemew's Hospital), H. Archer (Guy's Hospital), J. G. Russell (Harlequins), G. R. Hind (Guy's Hospital), and J. M. Weddell (St. Bartholemew's Hospital).

Referee, Mr. A. O. Jones. After all Lyon played at full back for London. Griffin and Carroll played for the Australians instead of McArthur and McCabe. The conditions were excellent and the crowd numbered nearly 10,000. The Australians kicked off against the wind, and play opened in the centre, and for a little time was fairly even. The Australians worked down, being helped by a useful kick by Carmichael, but the London defence was good. Then Lewis dribbled down and kicked past Carmichael, but Middleton saved the Australians by getting back in time to kick into touch. La Page made a strong dash, and was nearly over the Australian line, the visitors having a narrow escape. Russell cleared through the London passing breaking down and the game was transferred to the other end.

Hickey broke away, but was well tackled by Lyon, who later on pulled down McKivatt. The Australians were having the best of matters and Lambert making a mistake let in Russell to score the first try for the Australians. Afterwards the game was again fought out in the London quarters, but after a while London worked to the centre. The attack, however, was almost entirely with the Australians. Later London worked down and got very near their opponents' goal, line, Lambert being nearly over. The London defence, however, was only moderate and the Australians were penalised, but Lambert missed a shot at goal. The play was very fast and London were pressing when half-time arrived with the Australians leading by one try, 3 points, to nothing.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
Australians	.....	0 1 3
London	.....	0 0

London began well in the second half, but were soon on the defensive. Later, however, London made a good forward rush, and from a cross-kick by Lewis the Australians had hard work to save Carmichael doing good work. The London backs tried passing, but their combination broke down before the keen tackling of the Australians. The game was contested at a fine pace, and in turn the teams attacked, but Berrnell cleared cleverly. Later London attacked, but Wilson lost a fine chance by holding too long. Then the Australians got down, but were driven back, and London in turn were again dangerous. The play was rather scrambling, but fast. Towards the close the Australians pressed, and were kept out with difficulty. London were weak behind.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
Australians	.....	0 1 3
London	.....	0 0 0

Hamish Stuart Sums Up.

In the first half the Australians hardly deserved their half-time lead on the run of the game. At the same time, London lost many chances through poor passing, which was wild and speculative.

The Australians ought also to have scored during the first fifteen minutes, but they threw away many chances, though in point of combination the Australians' backs were a good deal ahead of the London division.

Still, the play of both divisions was not up to expectations, though there were several bits of good individualism.

The London forwards did very well, and after the first fifteen minutes quite held their own.

Lyon was rather disappointing at full-back, but Lapage and Wilson both did good work in the centre, though their combination was poor. Heale hardly realised expectations, while Lambert was very disappointing.

It was in many respects a peculiar match, both sides making many mistakes and failing to take their chances. Still if the London backs had been equal to their opportunities London would have won, for the London forwards played a surprisingly good game, and in the second half at least were the better pack. The London backs were very moderate as a division, however, their combination being poor, while passing showed the old English fault. It was too much across and rarely gained ground. Lapage and Wilson were both at fault, but the three as a line failed though still made some good individual runs. The general quality of the play was poor, and if the Australians had been opposed by a really good Welsh side they would have been badly beaten provide the Welsh backs had got the chances that fell to the London backs.

LONDON

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Wallabies in Town

OPPOSE A COMBINED LONDON XV.

The Richmond Athletic Ground was, of course, the hub of the Rugby football world to-day, when a team representing London met the Wallabies. Although the Australians have been in England for more than a month, this was their first appearance in London.

They had been engaged in the West of England and Wales, and had come very successfully out of their seven tough encounters, having won six and lost one, scoring 103 to 22 points.

Though this record does not equal those of the All Blacks and Springboks, it compares uncommonly favourably with them, for it must be remembered that the Wallabies have run up against much stouter opponents—men who have profited tremendously by the lessons inculcated by the previous tourists. The teams fielded as follows:—

LONDON.

Back:—
H. Lee (Guy's Hospital).
Three-quarter backs:—
D. Lambert (Harlequins),
W. N. Lapage (United Services),
W. C. Wilson (Richmond), and
H. T. Lewis (Harlequins).
Half-backs:—
A. S. Heale (London Hospital) and
H. J. Sibree (Harlequins).
Forwards:—
E. M. Ewan (London Hospital),
J. Meahaffey (London Hospital),
A. D. Warrington-Morris (United Services),
A. E. Evans (St. Bart's Hospital),
H. Archer (Guy's Hospital),
J. G. Russell (Harlequins),
C. R. Hind (Guy's Hospital), and
J. M. Weddell (St. Bart's Hospital).

WALLABIES.

Back:—
P. Carmichael.
Three-quarter backs:—
C. Russell,
Bede-Smith,
J. Hickey, and
A. J. McCabe.
Half-backs:—
C. McKivatt and
J. Woods.
Forwards:—
J. Barnett,
T. Griffin,
C. Hammond,
S. Middleton,
P. McCue,
T. Richards,
E. Row, and
Dr. Moran (captain).
Referee: Mr. A. O. Jones (Leicester).

THE GAME DESCRIBED.

The Colonials entered the field first, and greeted the Londoners with their famous war-cry.

The Australians kicked off against the wind, and had the better of the early stages, but their passing was wild. A daring dribble by the London forwards saw Middleton save luckily.

After Lapage had nearly scored for London, Russell intercepted and ran cleverly. London were beaten for the ball. Russell gathered a knock-on and scored finely. Carmichael failing, London were handicapped owing to Lewis, the wing three-quarter, going lame. A deal of desultory play followed, London pressing heavily at times, and once Lambert nearly got in. There was a penalty, and Lambert missed a goal.

Half-time score.		G. T. P's.
WALLABIES	.....	0 1 3
LONDON	.....	0 0 0

Richards broke away finely in the Australians' rush, but threw yards forward, and Lyons gained relief. Moran was playing as if he had damaged his shoulder. The Australians pressed, but their backs fumbled the ball dreadfully when close in. It was a game of dropped passes. Lewis got away and crossed, and Carmichael was collared. The Australia forwards worked hard to mid-field. Play was very fast.

Final score:		3 points.
WALLABIES	.....	3 points.
LONDON	.....	Nil.

COMMENTS.

It was a very poor game. The Australians were showing very hard football, but much of it was quite ineffective.

Lyon fielded a number of kicks and found touch beautifully.

Towards the close the London forwards got possession, and there were several runs, in which Wilson and Lapage were prominent.

The passing, however, was wretched. Wilson had a glorious chance, but neglected.

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*THE AUSTRALIANS' TOUR

ELEVENTH MATCH—V. NAVY AND ARMY

A NARROW VICTORY.

After a tremendously hard game at Portsmouth yesterday the Australians gained the verdict by a successful kick at goal by Carmichael, thus winning by 8 points to 6. The crowd numbered nearly 10,000, but has never been anything like approached. The Australians made only one change from Monday's team, Rowe for Richards in the pack, and the Navy and Army turned out as finally selected, the only changes from the original team being Greig for Ede and F. O. B. Wilton for Simpson. There was no scoring in the first half, but it was only by the narrowest shave that the defence was not penetrated. Each back came through the ordeal with flying colours, but Lyon had more to do than Carmichael, and in addition to splendid tackling his magnificent guiding of a long tosa rapidly converted strenuous defence into hot attack. The Services were well served forward, Partridge being much in evidence, though each man played so well that to name any particular one would be invidious. All the scoring was in the second half, when the pace told and the tackling was not quite so keen. Four minutes from the restart the Australians were penalised in the corner, and Lapage landed a capital goal. The visitors replied with a not attack and quick passing, which kept the game in the home territory. Repeatedly the Services' citadel narrowly escaped downfall by merest chance, but at length, following a scrum, McCue got over near the posts after fifteen minutes' play and Carmichael kicked a goal. Ten minutes later Cooper was penalised for lying on the ball the Australian back raising the score to 8 points, with a neat place-kick. Towards the end the Services attacked, but not in strength. Carmichael made his first mistake of the match, misfielding a high punt by Wilson, the ball going to touch. From the line-out Abercrombie broke away, and the ball was passed out to Moir, who scored in the corner. Lapage failed to convert, and the whistle went immediately after with the score: Australians, one goal one penalty goal (8 points); Navy, one penalty goal one try (6 points). The teams were as follows:

Navy and Army: Lieut. G. H. D'O. Lyon (R.N.) (back), Lieut. D. F. Moir, W. N. Lapage (R.N.), W. C. Wilson (Leicester Regiment), and Eng. Lieut. S. F. Cooper (R.N.) (three-quarter backs), Dr. L. L. Greig and Eng. Lieut. F. S. Carlisle (R.N.) (half-backs), Lieut. J. S. Wilson (R.N.), E. J. B. Tagg (Royal Marines), C. H. Abercrombie and A. D. Warrington-Morris (R.N.), G. C. Gowland (Royal Engineers), J. E. C. Partridge (Welsh Regiment), L. Robertson (Cameron Highlanders), and F. O. B. Wilson (R.N.) (forwards).

Australians: B. Carmichael (back), W. B. Carroll, J. Hickey, F. Bode-Smith, and C. Russell (three-quarter backs), A. J. McCabe and McKivatt (half-backs), W. McArthur, D. Griffin, G. Barnett, D. Middleton, P. McCue, R. R. Craig, G. McMurtie, and G. Rowe (forwards).
Referee: Mr. A. O. Jones.

TO MEET WALLABIES

Who Will Be the Welsh Team?

[By "FORWARD."]

With their couple of hard-won victories against London and the United Services, not to mention their big win at the Stadium, the Wallabies may be said to have enhanced their reputation and to convince some of their unfriendly critics that they are a stronger side than they were credited with being. To beat the United Services on their form of this season is an achievement of which any club in the country might reasonably feel proud, and, although the margin of difference was small, it summed, and there is now a fair amount of justification for the belief that the Colonials will return to Wales with only one defeat against them. They have to meet Durham, Northumberland and Cumberland, Cheshire, London, the two Varsities, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Somerset, and the Midlands before they come back to play Wales on December 12. It looks a formidable task to march victorious over so much ground without meeting with a single reverse, but if they are lucky in keeping their best players off the injured list, I believe they will be found equal to that task. Their chances against Wales can be discussed at a more opportune time.

To-day's match at Newport was looked upon as a fair test of the theory that the team is on the down grade and that the star artistes of the side have seen their best days. There is very little lasting gratitude in a football public, and I am given to understand that some unkind things were said about Dicky Owen while he was playing in the Bristol match last Saturday. People forget that Owen has been playing first-class football for about ten years, and that he cannot be brilliant in every game he plays. But there is no sympathetic consideration for the man who has reached the end of his football tether, and once his powers begin to betray the sere and yellow he is ruthlessly cast aside and, in many cases, for-

gotten. He who was the idol of thousands yesterday is an ordinary mortal to-day. Swansea people, above all, ought not to be unmindful of the services Owen has rendered to his club and to his country. He has played brilliantly in scores of matches, and it ought never to be forgotten that it is to his genius as the initiator of a clever manoeuvre that Wales owes her historic victory over the All Blacks. One can never think of Owen without picturing that splendid incident in his career.

Dick Jones is also reported to have lost much of his old cleverness, and that he cannot possibly stand in the way of Bush taking his place in the Welsh team. If it be true that the two Dicks have "gone off," the probability is that the Bush-Vile partnership will be resuscitated, and Wales is lucky in being able to fill a gap so easily and effectively. Who will be the Welsh three-quarters is rather an interesting point. It is extremely doubtful whether Gabe will be quite fit enough to take his accustomed place with the full certainty of being able to do justice to himself and his side. He is pretty keen on annexing the record for the greatest number of international matches played by a three-quarter, but before he can deprive Arthur Gould of that honour he will have to play three times again for Wales. Reggie Gibbs and Willie Trew, barring accidents, can be regarded as certainties, but I will not attempt naming the other two men. It will have to be a strong and thoroughly representative side to beat the Wallabies.

Percy Bush is doing a good turn to his old friend, Moses Jenkins, by taking a strong side to play in a benefit match on the Belle Vue Grounds, Penygraig, on Monday. The team will include Gwyn Nicholls, H. B. Winfield, Duncan McGregor, A. Brice, John Brown, Dick Thomas, and D. Westacott, and, of course, Percy will himself be in command. They will be opposed by the Penygraig team. No club ever had a more enthusiastic or loyal supporter than Moses Jenkins, and it is only a fitting recognition of his services to the Penygraig Club during the past twenty years that his friends should give him this little help in the hour of adversity. Mr. Jenkins is only just recovering from a long and serious illness, and everybody who knows him must hope that there will be a bumper gate on Monday, and that will be the best appreciation of the kindness of the players in turning out.

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Wallabies Up North

DURHAM BACKS LACK FINISH

The Wallabies were at Hartlepool to-day, opposing Durham before 6,000 spectators. Craig started for the Colonials, and in the opening stages Durham pressed strongly, having on the whole most of the play all through the first half, but their backs lacked the finish of the Wallabies, who, when they got their passing machinery to work, were not to be checked. Dix, Russell, and McKivatt scored tries, two of which Carmichael converted. The last kick for goal was muffed by being grounded in placing.

	G.	T.	P'ts.
Wallabies	2	1	13
Durham	0	0	0

After the interval Ellwood dropped a goal for Durham, and Dix, Craig, and Russell twice scored further tries for the Wallabies. Chapman scored a try for Durham.

	G.	T.	P'ts.
Australians	4	3	29
Durham	1	1	7

NOTES ON THE GAME.

The Durham forwards proved quite as good as most Durham packs of the past, and though the Australians attacked at the start, Durham had all the better of the first twenty minutes' play, thanks to the forwards, and the very fine kicking of Taylor, the old international, who in this respect has lost none of his old powers.

In point of combination behind, however, the Australians' backs were far ahead of the county backs, and every Australian attack was so well executed that they were always dangerous whenever they got on the move.

WALLABIES v. DURHAM.

At Hartlepool before 5,000 spectators. The weather was grand, and the ground was slightly on the soft side after rain overnight. Durham started and had quite as much of the opening play as the Wallabies, the forwards doing wonderfully well in the loose. The Colonial backs passed well, but the final pass to McKivatt went wrong, and Sivewright opened finely for Neilson, Taylor, and Chapman to pass and run brilliantly together. Dix tried at goal without success, and later threw forward a long kick by Taylor. Scrums ensued in midfield, Taylor kicking grandly under pressure. Durham then pressed warmly and Australia conceded two minors. Taylor was in wonderful form, kicking brilliantly, while Durham were quite as good forward thus far in the game. Sivewright marked prettily and the Colonials could not get their backs going. Taylor's drop at goal failed. Grand passing by the Wallabies' threes resulted in Dix running behind the posts, Carmichael converting. Durham had a short spell, but Russell ran over later from a wide pass, Carmichael kicking a grand goal. Taylor sent inches wide for Durham. From a penalty the home men had the best of matters for a time, but McKivatt scored, but the ball was touched down. The kick was not allowed.

	G.	T.	P.
Australians	2	2	13
Durham	0	0	0

In the second half Dix and Craig scored for the Wallabies and Ellwood dropped a goal and Chapman scored an unconverted try for Durham. Towards the end the Australians had all the play, their better condition, speed, and backing up telling an inevitable tale. Russell scored twice more, Carmichael converting one. McCabe, who was injured towards the finish, soon recovered.

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Durham	1	1	7

NOTES ON THE GAME.

By Hamish Stuart.

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In point of combination behind, however, the Australian backs were far ahead of the County backs, and every Australian attack was so well executed that they were always dangerous whenever they got on the move. Once or twice the Durham backs passed well, but in their lack of combination and also of resolution on the wings that were Durham's weakness. The county had more of the game than the Australians, the forwards sorely troubling the Australians by their strong rushes, bustling play, and quick following up. The Australians were very quick to take their chances, and frequently converted defence into attack—New Zealand fashion.

The general impression left by the play was the same as at Portsmouth. The Australians, against good backs, well together, would have had several scores against them. Hence it is highly probable that they will fail to win their international matches, in which they will be opposed by good backs.

Quite a feature of the match was the fine kicking of Carmichael. Taylor and Ellwood, of the Australians, were prone to obstruction.

WALLABIES BEAT DURHAM.

BRILLIANT WORK BY DIX.

Wallabies ... 29 pts. Durham ... 7 pts.

Neither the All Blacks nor the Springboks could have beaten our ex-champion county in more signal fashion than did the Wallabies at Hartlepool on Saturday. At half-time, when the visitors changed ends, 13 points up, there had not been that much in it. At "no side" there was every scrap of the difference of 29 points and 7 between the sides. Durham were played to a standstill—their splendid pack were at the last gasp, their backs disorganised, and their line only saved by forward passes or knocks-on.

Since the McKivatt-McCabe combine came into being at the Stadium on October 26 the backs of the Wallabies have been quite another division. The "two Maes" have revived the side like some elixir or magician's potion. There is now a series of sharp attacks where before slowness prevailed, and combined short hand-to-hand snappy passing where before was clumsiness and chaos. Even so we have not yet seen the best of this side, whose play varies in a manner calculated to make the student of form regret his birth. As to the match itself, all conditions were ideal save that the surface of the Hartlepool ground was a trifle un-even. The turf and ball were dry, there was no wind to help one and handicap the other.

CLEVER THREE-QUARTER TACTICS.

The Durham pack, nursed with an almost maternal care by popular Jack Taylor, the old international three-quarter, ruled the roost for over a quarter of an hour, during which, but for superb defence, Durham would have scored. Then, after twenty-one minutes' play, the fun began. Dix, who was the hero of the day and unmistakably the best centre that the Wallabies have yet shown us, was the first to score. All the visiting backs, except Carmichael and Russell, handled the ball during the passing run, against which no defence would have prevailed. Carmichael popped the ball over, and after the Durham pack had retaliated nobly the Wallabies were back again through their backs, and this time Russell was the scorer, as the result of a brilliant piece of work by Richards, who picked up near goal and flung a long, Welsh-like pass out to the wing, where Russell had only to gather to run in. Two points were added, and just before the end of the first half Carmichael missed a good chance before the posts from a try.

Though the visitors thus rattled up 13 points in twenty minutes, Durham had a good deal of the play, and had Taylor's luck been in they would have had a couple of dropped goals on the slate. But though he punted beautifully and with all his old accuracy, he could not drop well enough to keep himself warm. During the interval he succeeded in removing the number thirteen from his jersey, but he shot no straighter during the second half.

This second stage clearly demonstrated the superiority of the visitors. Dix, Craig, and Russell (2) got four more tries. While there was more than a semblance of superiority on the part of the Durham forwards, they could not prevent the Colonials having their full share of the ball, and the two Maes started the rest.

It was in this half that little Dix was immense. The way he bamboozled the whole defence when Russell scored the first of his two tries in the second half was magnificent, and an impartial Durham supporter went so far as to declare to me that Dix is the best centre ever seen on the Hartlepool ground. High praise, indeed. Meanwhile, taking advantage to the full of a careless kick by a Wallaby back, Ellwood dropped a good goal from ten yards beyond the "twenty-five" line. To this the visitors at once replied with the tries by Dix and Craig, and then F. E. Chapman scored an individual try far out in the corner, a score which was led up to by the good work of the Durham pack. Taylor missed goal, whereupon Russell, thanks to Dix and McCabe, rattled on his two tries. Hickey lost a try by failing to take a fair pass with an open field before him, and the game ended shortly after Ellwood had missed a penalty drop at goal by inches only.

BUNJARA.

	Pts.		Pts.
Australians	29	Durham	7

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.	
Northumberland	19
Cheshire	11

CLUB MATCHES.	
London Scottish (h)	16
Coventry (h)	25
Richmond	30
Cambridge Univ.	22
Oxford Univ. (h)	52
London Hospital	3
O. M. Taylors	16
Guy's Hospital (h)	6
Swansea	5
Devon Albion (h)	19
Northampton	5
Bristol (h)	20
Leicester (h)	7
Warrington	8
Mosley (h)	10
Llanelli	11
Bedford (h)	14

NORTHERN UNION.	
Dewsbury	15
Australians	0

WALLABIES IN THE NORTH.

DUNELMIANS WELL BEATEN.

(By W. L. S.)

Australians 4-3-29 Durham.....1-1-7

WITH anything but a good side the amateur Australian team decided the first of their north-country engagements on Saturday, when they met and beat Durham on the Friarage Ground, at Hartlepool, by a margin of 22 points. I am not quite certain whether this exactly reflects the difference between the two sides. Up to the moment when F. E. Chapman dashed over with the Dunelmian try there did not seem a difference of 14 points between the teams. The fact of the matter was we saw once more a pack of English forwards playing quite as well as the Colonial van, but behind the scrummage the county lacked that pace and confidence and cleverness which wallops frequently demonstrated by the Australians. In the matter of pace and handling of the ball the "Wallabies" were the superior force, and their passing bouts could not be coped with by the home defence.

But after the try got by Chapman, who has improved in all-round merit since his Australasian trip—he looks very like being a North three-quarter back this year—the "Wallabies" rubbed matters in, and a goal and a try in ten minutes were the product of fine running on the part of Russell, that stalwart young three-quarter back, who seems to improve with each match. This player—and the remark applies likewise to the boy Carroll on the other flank—is of a type becoming all too rare in Rugby football. He stands high, he is of lithe build below the knees, but of powerful leg formation above these joints. His body is muscular, and he appreciates the value of making the most of the hand-off, while he has more than useful speed. Carroll is scarcely so confident in his football as Russell; and he does not "bash" for the line like the latter, who, as the old habitues of Rarburn-place, Edinburgh, once said of the late Matthew Clarke Macdwan, "was gaun through a stane wa' were it necessary."

A FINE SCORER.

Three tries did Russell make in the game, and it has been rare indeed that he has not got over the in-goal line in a match. England could do with one or two men of the stamp of Russell. The "Kangaroos" reckon him a mere battering-ram. I should say such a player would have been rather handy on the plains of Leigh or at Crown Flatts last week.

Aft the pack the Australians were jolly good. McKivatt undertook the duties of working the scrummage in place of the vice-captain, T. Wood, who preferred to stalk the touch-line. McKivatt and the five-eighths, McCabe, got on pretty well together. Behind them the men were all right, and if deficiency did exist on the side it was in the pack. It may have been that the absence of Dr. Moran and of Row may have made some odds, especially in the back row, but somehow or other the eight did not shape well against the lighter Dunelmian scrummagers. They did not gain possession so well as the latter, and they seem to have gone in for a fresh idea, that of getting the first run in the scrummage. Successfully worked this is good enough, but it did not always work, for Durham tumbled to it, and screwing the maul, often took the ball with them.

The tendency to grab up the ball rather than dribble it still existed among the Australians; sometimes the hand-to-hand work was beautiful, and I should say the services given by Richards to Russell and McKivatt were in approved centre three-quarter back rather than forward style. With better dribbling—what would not an Irish pack do with Saturday's eight?—the team would have been splendid. They, at all events, are not deteriorating; they are showing improvement in some respects, if in others there is room for better work.

But Durham put up a good fight. They were more easily beaten than they were by the New Zealanders in 1905, but please do not forget the Durham side was a different one, and not nearly so strong as then. Yet the forwards were splendid at times, and there were occasions when the three-quarter backs passed quite prettily. Indeed, I think Watson ought to have scored in the first half. He had the chance had he persevered on the outside circuit. When he tried to swerve in he fell into the hands of half a dozen who were backing up. Chapman, too, was very nearly in, but the safe tackling of Carmichael blocked his way. Up to the scoring of Chapman's try the team did jolly well save at half-back and at full back, where there was shakiness, but in the end they were well liked. And yet the probabilities are that Durham will finish at the head of the Northern group once more. I liked their forwards, and forwards in a division where the back play is not great is a consideration.

THE RUN OF THE GAME.

And now a word or two of the play. After the Australians had put in a couple of rushes the home team, both forward and behind, gave their visitors a lot of bother. Chapman, as the result of a bout of passing, ran well, and Carmichael just managed to pull him down; while on the other flank Watson was well fed, but tried to swerve inside instead of testing his pace. Taylor repeatedly kicked brilliantly, and his touch-finding was frequently serviceable. He had a penalty shot at goal, which did not rise, and another drop went wide.

A fine bout of passing saw the Australians score first, Dix finishing off some short handling of the ball by running in easily. Carmichael converted. Misleading by Taylor gave Richards a chance to send a wide pass to Russell, and, unmarked, the latter ran over, Carmichael kicking a goal. A penalty kick for "feet up" gave Taylor a chance, but his shot screwed wide. The home forwards very nearly scored in reply, but they lacked method, and save for good kicking there was little of the aggressive tactics of the backs. Once more the Australians broke away and scored. Russell, Richards, and McKivatt passed finely, and the last-named ran in. Carmichael did not get the chance to convert the try, the player having grounded the ball. At half-time the Australians led by 13 points to nothing.

The second half did not start in sensational fashion, the forwards having the main say in the play. A penalty shot by Chapman was charged down. Then Durham pressed, and, taking a ball punted by McKivatt, Ellwood deliberately dropped a goal. The Australians, however, rallied, and McKivatt gave Dix the opportunity to make a try, which Carmichael did not improve upon. Craig a little later added another try, and Carmichael kicked a goal. Durham attacked strongly, and Chapman scored in the corner, Taylor failing at the difficult place. Australia finished strongly, and Russell scored twice, Carmichael converting the second try.

NOTABLE PLAYERS.

For the Australians Carmichael, after a couple of rather weak opening kicks, played a brilliant game. He fielded and tackled safely, and his punting was splendid. I have referred to the wing three-quarter backs; the centres were capital. Dix, a squat little player, got two tries, and he showed there is a deal of football in him. He is a plucky man. Hickey was first-rate, and if we saw little of McCabe in attack, he made no blunders in defence. McKivatt's kicking was not so prominent as when he operates as stand-off half-back, or five-eighths—what's in a name?—but all the same he worked hard and well. Forward, McCue, Richards, Griffen, and Middleton seemed the best.

Ellwood was good and bad by turns in his kicking. Sometimes he punted hard and well into touch; frequently he sent the ball straight at Carmichael. However, there was a deal of virtue in his dropped goal. Different kicking was that of J. T. Taylor, whose punting was a treat. He drove a great length and generally into touch. Save for one or two rolling balls his fielding was fine, and his reappearance a great success. His clubmate, Neilson, was nippy and clean, and the wing men were very good at times. I did not fancy the half-backs greatly, but forward Carter, Hogarth, Smith, and Summerscale were often noticeable. Really, all did well, however.

AUSTRALIA.—P. Carmichael; C. Russell, W. Dix, J. Hickey, D. B. Carroll; C. McKivatt, A. J. McCabe; T. Griffin, C. A. Hammond, R. McCue, S. Middleton, R. R. Craig, O. M. Murrie, T. Richards, and M. M. Arthur.

DURHAM.—D. Ellwood (Hartlepool Rovers); F. E. Chapman (Westoe), J. T. Taylor (captain), (Winton Vulcans), N. C. Neilson (Winton Vulcans), P. Watson (Hartlepool Rovers); J. P. Stewright (Hartlepool Rovers); G. E. Carter (Hartlepool Rovers); G. Summerscale (Durham City), W. H. Phillips (Durham City), T. Hogarth (Durham City), J. Duthie (Winton Vulcans), G. Lloyd (Hartlepool Rovers), T. Metcalfe (North Durham), and J. Smith (Durham City).

Referee: Mr. G. H. Evans.

Football.

NORTHERN COUNTIES V. WALLABIES.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne on Wednesday the Australians played Northumberland and Cumberland. The weather was dull and cool, and 8,000 spectators were present. The Australians' victory was heard with amazement. The combined team lost the toss, and from the initial kick-off a moderate return was made. The Wallabies twice tried to get under weigh, but were effectively checked. The next pack showed the value of the Australians. McKivatt got very cleverly away on his own, and was almost in when Seymour collared him. A pass to a colleague was well taken, when Simpson downed him. For some time the home defenders were kept busy. Parkinson was almost through before he was held. After 22 minutes of defence by the locals, McCabe gained a try for the Australians, and Carmichael converted in magnificent style. Shortly afterwards Middleton scored direct from the line-out, Carmichael again converting. Eybank scored for Northumberland, and Seymour failed at goal. Then Russell scored for the Colonials following a line-out, Carmichael failing at the goal-kick.

Half-time Score—

Australians.....	G. T. P.
Northumberland and Cumberland ..	0 1 3

Soon after resumption Mather scored for the locals, Seymour failing dismally at goal. Dix scored for the Australians, Carmichael adding the goal. The passing of the Australians in the second half was not as good as in the first, and the local team put up a good game, and their defence was excellent.

Final Score—

Australians.....	G. T. P.
Northumberland and Cumberland ..	3 1 18
	0 2 6

A REMARKABLE DISPLAY.

Hamish Stuart wires:—It was one of the most remarkable games I have ever witnessed. The Australians should have scored at least ten more tries. I never saw such a combination of cleverness and inaccuracy as their display. They would come away in perfect style, and then just as a try seemed certain someone would blunder, and the lines of the Combined Counties would be saved. The chief offenders were Hickey and Dix—Hickey in particular—but the centres were not solely responsible. Russell showed most extraordinary and—as far as I have seen him—unusual hesitation on the right wing. Time after time his momentary doubtful pause cost a try. Parkinson, who was tried on the left wing in place of Carroll, is a good player, but he was too slow to get past Simpson, who is as useful as ever—at least in defence—and made the most of his pace. It was a most remarkable sight to watch movement after movement that won one's admiration by its cleverness breaking down through individual errors. The conditions were in no way responsible—the ball was dry and the ground was in excellent order. Both Australian halves played a great game, and though the three were inaccurate there is no question that the Australian backs are now a very dangerous division. The hero of the game was Richards. He is the most resourceful and heady forward now playing, and the way in which he picks up in the loose, grasps the situation, and passes wide, and so forth, is beyond praise. He is ubiquitous and quite as useful in defence as attack. Richards is a really great forward.

*THE AUSTRALIANS' TOUR.

THIRTEENTH MATCH—V. NORTHUMBERLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

For their match against the combined team selected from Northumberland and Cumberland the Australians made two changes from the side which defeated Durham, Parkinson substituting Carroll at three-quarters and Barnett playing in place of McArthur. C. Russell was unable to play for the combined team, and M. Snowball took his place. The match was decided on the Newcastle United ground at Newcastle, before 10,000 spectators. The Australians won by eighteen points to three, but they did not distinguish themselves. They were nearly always on the attack, their powerful forwards screwing and quite outworking the opposition and their backs constantly indulging in passing runs. They were fast and clever at times, but their transfers were very faulty. Then the home men defended finely. T. Simpson, the old International, and Chambers collaring in fine style. There was little attacking by the home side, but they managed to cross the line twice, both tries being clever efforts. In the first half McCabe, Middleton, and Russell scored for the Australians, and Carmichael converted twice, while Eybank scored for the combined team. Mather added another try directly after the resumption, but Seymour in both cases failed to convert. Bad passing brought the Colonials down repeatedly, and the only other score was by Dix, Carmichael converting. The result was: Australians, three goals and one try (18 points); Northumberland and Cumberland, two tries (6 points). Teams:—

Australians: P. Carmichael (back), C. Russell, W. Dix, J. Hickey, and E. Parkinson (three-quarter backs), C. McKivatt and A. McCabe (half-backs), T. Griffin, J. Barnett, O. Hammond, P. McCue, S. Middleton, C. McMurtree, T. Richards, and R. Craig (forwards).

Northumberland and Cumberland: L. Seymour (Cumberland back), T. Simpson, P. Phillips, and N. Mather (Northumberland), and J. Chambers (Cumberland) (three-quarter backs), H. Oglethorpe (Cumberland) and M. Snowball (Northumberland) (half-backs), J. Eybank, V. Elliott, W. Blackburn, T. Watson, and J. Hook (Cumberland), J. Rison, W. Short, and H. Robinson (Northumberland) (forwards).

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Wallabies' Tour.

14th MATCH v. CHESHIRE.

The Wallabies concluded their brief tour in the North by opposing Cheshire at Birkenhead Park. This was their fourteenth fixture, their record showing eleven wins, one reverse, and one match—against Monmouthshire, at Pontypool—postponed on account of the flooded state of the ground. As a rule their opponents have scored against them, but only in the defeat by the Scarlets has their line been crossed more than once, eight points being then inscribed against them at Llanelly. The New Zealanders in their famous tour of 1905-1906 defeated Cheshire by 34 points to nil.

The weather was grand, and 5,000 spectators were present. The ground was in perfect condition when the Colonials led off against the wind. The Cestrians, after staving off an attack, broke away, and Kendall was nearly over. In the next minute Deakin marked, but Davidson had his kick charged down. In a scramble over the visitors' line one of the defending side was hurt, but soon resumed. The Wallabies broke away, and McKivat got a try which Carmichael converted. Five minutes later Carroll crossed with a try after a smart hand-to-hand passing bout, but the place kick taken by Carmichael was at fault. Another stoppage was caused through an injury to McMurtrie, who recovered after attention. Cheshire forced the pace on resuming, but Carroll was very nippy and the ball was touched at mid-field. Continuing, Cheshire were nearly in after a rush by Kendall, and then Deakin made a mark close up, but Davidson failed to score. From now to the interval the Australians had all the play. Dix scored, and Carmichael failed, but he converted a try by McQue. Just prior to the interval Prentice took advantage of an opponent's mistake, and scored.

Half-time Score—		G.	T.	P.
Australians	.....	2	3	19
Cheshire	.....	0	0	0

The first item of note on resuming was a mark by Russell, and Carmichael placed a goal. Then Russell scored, Carmichael again converting. Carroll was next to score, Carmichael landing a goal. Cheshire tallied, and Bowman scored far out. In the last minute Dix ran through for the Colonials, after grand passing, and the Australians won with the greatest ease.

Final Score—		G.	T.	P.
Australians	.....	6	3	37
Cheshire	.....	0	1	3

CHESHIRE V AUSTRALIANS

Played at Birkenhead, in fine weather, before 5,000 spectators. The ground was in good condition.

Soon after the start Cheshire nearly scored through Hartley, but the Australians retaliated, and McKivat worked through, Carmichael converting. From now up to the interval the Wallabies had most of the game. Dix crossed, and a little later Carmichael added the extra points from another score. Their Prentice crossed, no goal resulting.

Half-time score:—		G.	T.	Pts.
Australians	.....	2	3	19
Cheshire	.....	0	0	0

After the interval, the Wallabies attacked. Russell marked, and Carmichael converted. Russell and Carroll then followed with tries, Carmichael improving both with fine kicks. Cheshire played up, and Bowman got a try at the corner, but no goal resulted. The Colonials attacked fiercely. In the last few minutes Dix scored brilliantly for Carmichael to cap a grand exhibition of place kicking with a lovely goal.

Final score.		G.	T.	Pts.
Australians	6	3	37
Cheshire	0	1	3

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WALLABIES' 14th CONTEST.

London Miss Their Chances.

On Wednesday on the Rectory Field, Blackheath the second game between London and the Australians was played. This was the fourteenth match of the Wallabies' tour. In the first encounter v. London at Richmond on October 24th the Australians only managed to pull through by a try. There were two changes of note in the Metropolis team. Heale, the clever London Hospital half, was hurt on Saturday last, and it was decided to play J. P. Jones at half and to substitute R. W. Poulton (Harlequins) for Jones in the three-quarter line. G. M. Chapman (Cambridge University) played in the pack in place of E. MacEwan (London Hospitals), and G. Wilson for McHaffy. The Wallabies played a good side. Mr A. O. Jones acted as referee.

Dull but quite favourable weather favoured the meeting, and fully 6,000 people were present. The wind was blowing straight across the field when London kicked off. In the exchange of kicks London gained ground, and within a minute they compelled the Australians to touch down. Twice after that Wilson failed to field the ball properly, and thus jeopardised the side, but London luckily escaped. The London forwards showed capital form, both in the pack and the loose, and with a fine rush carried the game close to the Australians' line, where London had a free kick. Evans, however, made a poor attempt to goal. London were still holding on, and with a splendid swerving run Palmer gained a lot of ground. Lloyd tried a drop at goal, but failed. London forwards continued to play a fine game, and though penalised once London regained ground with a fine passing run. A little later Sibley had a good chance, but passed when he should have run straight through. The Australian backs rarely got the ball, and once when they had a good chance Dix tried a cross-kick without result. Shortly afterwards, Palmer, who was playing a strong game, made a capital run, and then the Australians were nearly in, but off-side spoiled their opportunity. A moment later the Australians scored, Dix, after being collared, passing to Carroll, who ran in near the corner. With the charge disallowed, Carmichael kicked a goal from a difficult angle. Following that, the Australians played a lot better, their backs often getting the ball. Shortly before half-time McCabe was nearly in from a bad kick by Lyon, and Barnett getting the ball ran through the crowd, and got over with a try. Carmichael kicking a goal.

Half-time Score—		G.	T.	P.
Australians	.....	2	0	10
London	.....	0	0	0

London commenced the second half with a splendid forward rush, and were nearly in. Carmichael, however, saved the situation. Then Palmer nearly got over, and but for a bad pass by Poulton Wilson must have scored a try for London. Twice after that Wilson, who had started very badly indeed, found touch with fine kicks, but try as they would, London could not press home the advantage they undoubtedly possessed at forward. After thirteen minutes, however, Russell got in again for the Australians, who were now showing better form. Poulton broke away with a fine dribble and was nearly in for London. The Australians scored again through Craig, Carmichael goaling. Lloyd then scored a try for London, Evans failing with the goal kick. Carmichael kicked a penalty, and Griffin scored an unconverted try for the Colonials.

Final Score—		G.	T.	P.
Australians	.....	4	2	22
London	.....	0	1	3

Hamish Stuart wires:—In the first half the Australians took longer than usual to find their game, and if the London backs had been equal to their chances London might have secured a lead. Palmer was twice nearly in, but the Australian tackling was good, while all the backs used their pace well in defence. London forwards played a very strong game, but tired after 20 minutes. Then the Australians got on top, and the superior cleverness, individual and collective, of their backs soon yielded two very fine tries. In point of clever back play there was no comparison between the two divisions, though all the London backs, Wilson excepted, were good individually, Lyon fielding and kicking particularly well. London played a hard game, but the Australians thoroughly deserved their half-time lead.

It was the same in the second half, at first London had the better of the game territorially, but could not score, whereas the Australians took their chances, their first try being a clever example of opportune attack, started in loose and shared in by the backs and forwards. The Australians were always much the cleverer side, and for that reason the issue was never in doubt in spite of the share of the game which London had.

Unlike the London men, the Australian backs varied their attack by now adopting the short punt ahead and now the cross kick proper. The London centres were apt to dash in intent on spoiling, and punt then pass. The contrast between the play of which has so often of late years been presented by English and Welsh International divisions. All the cleverness was on one side, and this accounts for the decisive victory of the Australians. The only London back to enhance his reputation was Palmer. Some members of the Welsh Union saw the match, and Lloyd, who was not at his best, cannot have increased his chance of a Welsh cap.

'VARSITY CHAT.

[BY ALMA MATER.]

THE "WALLABIES" AT CAMBRIDGE.

THE largest crowd ever seen on a Cambridge football ground witnessed the "Wallabies" match on Saturday. Both fifteens came in for a flattering reception, and enthusiasm rose to fever heat. The Cantab forwards commenced grandly. Lely, Purves, and Chapman being especially prominent. The Australians were severely pressed for the first twenty minutes, and shortly afterwards Atkinson (the Cantab full back) muffed an easy penalty goal. Nor did the Cambridge disasters end here. Kenneth Macleod, of all persons, missed a couple of equally easy drop kicks. He compensated somewhat a little later by combining finely with C. C. G. Wright, who very nearly got through. Then the "Wallabies" began to assert themselves, and their captain scored a try. It was not converted, however, and shortly afterwards F. C. Pyman also failed at an apparently easy drop kick. Try as they would, the Australians could not score again, and half-time was called with only three points to



C. D. L. PURVES, Fettes and Trinity.

(Photo by Messrs. Stearns, Cambridge.)

none in their favour. On the trend of the game so far, the Light Blues had more than held their own. The forwards were superb. Resuming, the "Wallabies" got all the best of matters for the first ten minutes. Carroll and Dix gained tries (both of which were converted by Carmichael), the first named a beauty. Then the Varsity woke up considerably, and more than held their own to the finish. Amid a scene of excitement Wright



C. H. M'KIVATT, the Australian.

(Photo by Scott and Co., Manchester.)

dropped a grand goal just before "no-side," which was called with the scores:—

AUSTRALIANS 13 points
CAMBRIDGE 11 points

For once in a way, Macleod's feeble kicking indisputably lost the Cantab the game. On the day's play they were the smarter side, and the moral is obvious, i.e.—the Queen's Club match is not over yet. The chances of an Oxford win against the Australians are enhanced. To the forwards belong the honours of the game. But the whole team rose to the occasion in great style. Had all the chances been accepted a Cambridge win MUST have been registered.

Wallabies' Tricks.

ALLEGED UNFAIR TACTICS.

Light Blues Defeated by Two Points

The Wallabies played the fifteenth match of their tour this afternoon at Cambridge against the University. Three years ago the Light Blues made a sterling fight against the All Black combination. They lost the match by 14 points, a score which, with one exception (Surrey 11 pts.), was the lowest compiled by the New Zealanders against any team outside International and the Welsh games. Playing the South Africans, the Cantabs lost the game by 29 points to nil. Since losing two of their first three games this season the Light Blues have settled down and shown improved form. To-day's team included eight old Blues, and with K. G. McLeod, the famous Scottish International in the three-quarter line, it was anticipated that the University would run the Australians to a close finish. Dr. Moran, the skipper and mastermind of the Wallaby forwards, resumed his place in the pack.

Teams—Cambridge University—Back, M. L. Atkinson (Emmanuel); three-quarter backs, *C. C. L. Wright (Pembroke), *K. G. McLeod (Pembroke), *P. C. Pyman (Caius), and H. Hosken (Christ's); half-backs, J. F. Sutherland (Caius), and *T. A. Godby (Magdalene); forwards, *W. G. Lely (Emmanuel), *W. D. C. L. Purves (Trinity), *P. T. D. Tudsbury (King's), *G. H. Chapman (Caius), J. V. Fiddian (Emmanuel), H. J. S. Morton (Pembroke), R. Fyner (Pembroke), and A. H. Van Der Byl (Pembroke).

Australians—Back, P. Carmichael; three-quarter backs, W. Carroll, F. B. Smith, W. Dix, and H. Daley; half-backs, C. McKivatt and J. Hickey; forwards, J. Barnett, T. Griffin, M. McArthur, F. Middleton, T. McQue, T. Richards, Dr. H. M. Moran (captain), and R. Craig.

Old Blue. The conditions were excellent, and the attendance numbered about 6,000. The game opened in the Australian quarters, but Cambridge were unable to maintain their position. At length the light blues made a strong forward rush, and when in good position, McLeod made a futile attempt to drop a goal. A minute later McLeod again tried to drop a goal instead of passing. The Cambridge forwards were obtaining the ball more often than their opponents, but the University backs did not make full use of their chances. For the quarter of an hour play generally was in the Australian half.

Cambridge missed some chances, Atkinson failing to kick a goal from a penalty, and Pyman losing a try through knocking on after excellent work by McLeod and Wright. Eventually the Australians attacked and Moran scored, Carmichael failing at goal. Afterwards Cambridge were dangerous, reaching the Australian line, but their attack was lacking in finish, though Pyman nearly dropped a goal.

Half-time Score— G. T. P.
Australians 0 1 3
Cambridge 0 0 0

Early in the second half Carroll and Dix gained tries for the Australians, Carmichael converting one. Later Wright scored for Cambridge, Atkinson kicking a fine goal. In the last minute Wright dropped a good goal. The Cambridge forwards were excellent, but their backs moderate. The Australians were penalised 12 times to Cambridge's twice.

Final Score— G. T. P.
Australians 12 11
Cambridge *2 0 9

*One dropped.

NOTES ON THE GAME.
(By Hamish Stuart.)

Thanks to the superb play of the forwards the University had most of the play, and the Australians were very lucky to lead by a try at half-time.

The Colonial lines had several narrow escapes, and twice a lucky bounce of the ball deprived Godby and McLeod of tries, while McLeod nearly dropped two goals.

Pyman actually did drop a goal, but it touched an Australian.

It was very hard for the University, who deserved to lead at half-time. Nothing came off for the University, however, and the game held good.

In the second half, the two Australian tries were lucky scores, while Macleod had very bad luck with his drops at goals from penalties.

The Australians, I regret to say, played far from a clean game, obstruction and other tricks being much in evidence while fouls were frequent and the forwards being systematically outside they were frequently penalised for these offences, and for handling the ball in the scrum.

The University were the better side on the day, and with a little luck would have won.

The forwards were immense, but, as already stated, luck was against the University, who are a very much better side than they were thought to be.

It was a very fast and exciting game, brimful of incident and good football, though the tactics of the Australians marred the pleasure of the lookers on.

The Wallabies Tour

OPPOSE A STRONG CAMBRIDGE TEAM

The Wallabies, who return to South Wales next month, played the sixteenth match of the tour at Cambridge, when they met the Varsity team, which was very strong, and led by the famous Scotch international three-quarter, K. G. McLeod. The Wallabies, however, did not field their strongest side.

The teams fielded in the following order:—

Cambridge University: Back, M. L. Atkinson (Emmanuel); three-quarter backs, *C. C. G. Wright (Pembroke), *K. G. McLeod (Pembroke), *F. C. Pyman (Caius), and H. Hosken (Christ's); half-backs, J. F. Sutherland (Caius) and *T. A. Godby (Magdalene); forwards, *W. G. Lely (Emmanuel), W. D. C. L. Purves (Trinity), *P. T. D. Tudsbury (King's), *G. M. Chapman (Caius), J. V. Fiddian (Emmanuel), H. J. S. Morton (Pembroke), R. Fraser (Pembroke), and A. H. Van Der Byl (Pembroke).

The asterisk denotes "Blues."

Australians: Back, P. Carmichael; three-quarter backs, W. Carroll, F. B. Smith, W. Dix, and H. Daley; half-backs, C. McKivatt and J. Hickey; forwards, J. Barnett, T. Griffin, M. McArthur, F. Middleton, P. McQue, T. Richards, Dr. H. M. Moran (captain), and R. Craig.

Referee: r. A. O. Jones (Leicester).

In the early stages Cambridge had the better of it, McLeod twice dropping for goals, but failed. McLeod got clean away, punted over Carmichael's head, but an Australian received. Atkinson missed a favourable penalty, and Pyman lost a chance through a knock-on. The Australians attacked after twenty-eight minutes, and Moran in, Carmichael failing.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Australians 0 1 3
Cambridge University 0 0 0

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Wallabies 12 11
Cambridge University 0 3 9

"Wallabies" Task at Oxford.

Are the Oxonians likely to improve upon the performance of the Cantabs, who played the "Wallabies" to a difference of two points on Saturday, and prove the first English side to defeat a modern Colonial fifteen? The New Zealanders and the South Africans visited this country; not an English team could beat them. So far the Australians have lost only to Llanelli. The form of the Dark Blues against the Guy's last Thursday was not inspiring; they won, but their forward play was anything but convincing, and will require to be improved upon at Iffley-road on Wednesday if the team are to fulfil their object. Behind the scrum the men are exceedingly clever; the question is will they get the opportunities to show their skill? And then again one never knows when they have the Australians, who, after just scrambling through on Saturday, when C. C. G. Wright played a fine game for the Light Blues, may show rare form when the test is of greater difficulty.